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| Bar chart / Bar graph | A bar graph (also bar chart) is a graphical display of data using bars of different heights. They can also be displayed horizontally. | Number of cars passing the school |
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|  |  | Number of cars passing the school |

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| Bias | A 'false' or 'invalid' result e.g. when collecting data on Scottish people's favourite supermarket, it would be biased if you conducted the research outside one certain supermarket as it could possibly encourage people to say the one they have just been in to. <br> A systematic built-in error which makes all values wrong by a certain amount, e.g. Always measuring own height wearing shoes with thick soles. |  |  |  |
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| Carroll diagram <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> Census | A two way table used for grouping items according to characteristics. |  | Can Fly | Cannot fly |
|  |  | 产 | Bat | Elephant Horse |
|  |  | \% | Pigeon Eagle | Ostrich Penguin |
|  | When data is collected for every member in a group. |  |  |  |
| Consequences | The impact a decision can make on subsequent events. |  |  |  |
| Continuous data | Continuous data is measured and can be any value within a range e.g. the length of a leaf. <br> The time taken to run a race is continuous as all measurements have meaning. |  |  |  |

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| Data | A collection of facts, such as numbers, words, measurements, observations |  |
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| Discrete data | Discrete data is counted and can only take certain values <br> - like whole numbers e.g. the number of cars passing by a school. <br> Shoe size is an example of discrete data as size 6 and 7 have a meaning however size 6.2 does not. |  |
| Distribution | The distribution is a description of the overall shape of the data when displayed graphically. |  |
| Dot plots | A graphical display of data using dots. | Number of cars passing the school |

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| Line Graph | A graph that shows information that is connected in some way - such as change over a period of time | Bird Watching |
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| Make predictions | Use data available to suggest what the future may be. |  |
| Mean | The mean is the average of the set of data - it is the sum of the numbers divided by how many numbers there are. For example in the set of numbers $5,5,6,7,8,12,13,15$ and 16 the mean would be $(5+5+6+7+8+12+13+15+16) / 9=87 / 9=9.67$ to 2 d.p. |  |
| Median | The median is the middle value in a sorted list of numbers. <br> For example in the set of numbers $5,5,6,7,8,12,13,15$ and 16 the median would be 8 . |  |
| Misleading information | Information which has been adapted by either presentation or selection to give the wrong impression of the true data. |  |

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| Qualitative <br> (data) | Descriptive information. |  |
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| Quantitative <br> (data) | Numerical information. |  |
| Questionnaire | A set of questions used to gather information during a <br> survey. |  |
| Range | The range is the difference between the lowest and <br> highest numbers in the set. <br> For example in the set of numbers <br> $5,5,6,7,8,12,13,15$ and 16 the range would be <br> (highest - lowest) $16-5$ = 11. |  |
| Raw data | Raw data is the data collected for example in a survey. |  |
| Robust <br> information | Robust information has been gathered and presented in <br> an appropriate way. |  |
| Sample | A selection taken from a larger group (the "population") <br> so that you can examine it to find out something about <br> the larger group. |  |
| Sample size | The number of pieces of information gathered from the <br> sample in order to represent the whole "population." <br> E.g. 100 men were surveyed to find out how many hours <br> they spent exercising each week. (100 is the sample size <br> out of all men in the world). |  |
| Scale | The intervals that are used on a graphical representation <br> of data e.g. a scale which rises in ones or in tens etc. |  |

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| Stem and leaf plots | A table where each data value is split into a "leaf" (usually the last digit) and a "stem" (the other digits). <br> For example "32" is split into "3" (stem) and "2" (leaf). The "stem" values are listed down, and the "leaf" values are listed next to them. | Data Set: $11,12,13,13,14,18,23,24,27,27,31,34,36,42$ <br> Stem and Leaf Plot: <br> Key: $1 \left\lvert\, 2$ means 12\right. |  |
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| Survey | Gathering information about a certain topic or issue for a particular reason. The information can help people make decisions about topics of interest e.g. most popular holiday destinations for young families. |  |  |
| Tally Marks | A visual representation of the number of times an item appears in a set, these are bundled in groups of five. For example: <br> \|| represents 2 and <br> Ht represents 5 |  |  |
| Trends | The overall picture of a set of data over time For example house prices, over time, in the UK have shown an upward trend. |  |  |
| Vague information | Vague information is information which is presented without using all available information. |  |  |
| Venn Diagram | A diagram that shows all possible logical relations between a collection of sets of data. <br> For example in this Venn diagram, we can see the common multiples of 3 and 4 |  |  |


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