

Year 7 - Unit 12: Handling Data & Statistical Diagrams

Learning Journey:

Prior Learning

- Read and interpret simple charts, tables and pictograms.
- Add, subtract, multiply and divide whole numbers and decimals accurately.

Next Steps

- Analyse grouped data and calculate averages from more complex frequency tables.
- Apply statistical skills to GCSE data handling, probability and problem-solving.



By the end of this unit, you should be able to:

- Calculate and interpret the mean, median, mode and range from data sets and frequency tables.
- Draw, interpret and compare data presented in bar charts, pictograms, tally charts and two-way tables.

Keywords:

Mean – The total of the values divided by how many there are.

Median – The middle value when the data is in order.

Mode – The value that appears most often.

Range – The difference between the highest and lowest values.

Frequency – The number of times a value occurs.

Two-way table – A table that organises data into two categories.

Working out mean, mode, median and range

MEAN	MEDIAN	MODE
Find the mean for the data set: 10, 8, 5, 5, 6, 7, 5, 11, 4, 9, 3	Find the median for the data set: 10, 8, 5, 5, 6, 7, 5, 11, 4, 9, 3	Find the median for the data set: 10, 8, 5, 5, 6, 7, 5, 11, 4, 9, 3
Mean = $\frac{\text{total}}{\text{number of values}}$	The median is the middle number.	The mode is the number that has the highest frequency in the data values. Putting the numbers in order from least to greatest is helpful.
Mean = $\frac{10 + 8 + 5 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 5 + 11 + 4 + 9 + 3}{11}$	List the numbers in order from least to greatest: 3 4 5 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	3 4 5 5 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
Mean = $\frac{73}{11}$	Median is 6.	Mode is 5.
Mean = 6.64 (rounded to 2 decimal places)		
RANGE 3 4 5 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 11 - 3 = 8 Range = 8		

Frequency Tables

A **frequency table** is a way of organising collected data. To do this we draw a table with **three columns**:

E.g. Colours of 12 shirts in a wardrobe,

blue	pink	blue	white	white	blue
black	white	blue	pink	blue	white

Colour	Tally marks	Frequency
Black		1
Blue		5
Pink		2
White		4
		Total = 12

- The first column is for the different items in the data set.
- The second column is for the tally marks.
- The last column is the frequency column where we can add up the tally marks and write in the corresponding frequencies.

We can add up all of the frequencies to find the total frequency of the set of data.

Two-way tables

A **two way table** is a type of **frequency table** used for **organising data**. We need a data set with two **categorical variables**.

Example This two way table shows a data set about what students eat for lunch.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Cooked food	18	22	40
Packed lunch	17	33	50
Total	35	55	90

The first column shows the type of food chosen.

The top row shows boy or girl.

Pictograms

To draw a pictogram, we use a **graphic symbol** that is associated with a **frequency or value**. Each pictogram requires a **key** that explains the value that the symbol represents.

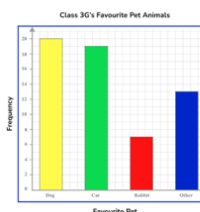
For example, the pictogram below shows the number of pieces of fruit a person has eaten in one week.

Monday	●●●●
Tuesday	●●
Wednesday	●●●●
Thursday	●●●●●●
Friday	●●●●

Key: ● Represents 1 piece of fruit

Bar Charts

A **bar chart** represents a data set by using vertical or horizontal bars. The larger the bar, the higher the value for the individual category.



To draw a **bar chart** we need the following:

- A pair of axes. Usually the horizontal axis is labelled with the categories of the data set and the vertical axis is the frequency. Your axes must be labelled.
- The frequencies need to be labelled on the vertical axis in equal intervals.
- The bars need to have equal gaps between them as it is representing discrete data.
- The bars need to be of equal width.
- The chart needs a title.