

What makes a good questionnaire

- Short, clear questions
- Option boxes that don't overlap
- Option boxes that allow for any answer to be given
- Not too many questions
- No leading/bias questions



Year 8 foundation topic 3 Statistics, graphs and charts

What careers would use these skills?

Statistician, economist, software engineer, scientist, business analyst, financial analyst, market research.

Averages definitions

Mean: Add up the values and divide by how many values there are. This is what people normally mean when they say the average.

Mode: The most common.

Median: Middle value when in order.

Range: The difference between the largest and smallest values

Data collection chart

Colour of Car	Tally	Frequency
White		6
Black		3

Mean from a table

Data value	Frequency	Frequency x Data Value
2	3	6
3	2	6
4	5	20
	10	32

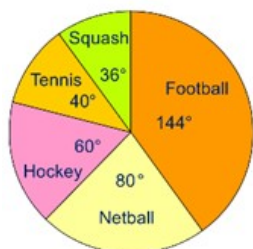
Times
Add
Divide

$$\text{Mean} = 32 \div 10 = 3.2$$

If the table has **grouped data**, use the midpoint of each class to multiply by the frequency. (Then times, add and divide as above)

Draw and interpret pie charts

Used for showing how data breaks down into its constituent parts. When drawing a pie chart, divide 360° by the total frequency. This will tell you how many degrees to use for the frequency of each category.



Stem and leaf (and averages)

A data display that shows groups of data arranged by place value. Leaves should be in order. Must have a key.

STEM	LEAF
0	7
1	0 5 5 5 7 9
2	0 2 2 6 7
3	0 2 4 6 8

Key : 6 | 1 = 61 hours

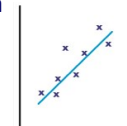
Scatter graph and correlation

A graph in which values of two variables are plotted along two axes to compare them and see if there is any connection between them. Correlation between two sets of data means they are connected in some way.

Positive correlation: as one value increases, the other value increases.

Negative correlation: as one value increases, the other value decreases.

Drawing a line of best fit on the data can help to make predictions.



Compare data using averages

When comparing two sets of data, calculate the mean and the range, this will show you the 'average' and the spread of the data around the mean.

Show numerical values and make concluding statements.