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Line Graph	Shows continuous changes over time	Bar Chart	Compares quantities or frequencies in different categories		
Data to Use	Continuous: e.g. stream flow, traffic flow, population change on the Y axis and equally spaced time on the X axis	Data to Use	Categorical (discrete): e.g. types of vegetation of transport people use to get to school. X axis is categories and Y axis is the frequency		
Visual Example	Total world population Developing regions 1800 1850 1900 1850 2000 2500 2100 Year	Visual Example	Mosses Ferns		
Pictogram	Use a pictorial symbol or icon instead of a bar (all of the icons must be the same size)	Pie Chart	Shows the proportions of a total amount		
Data to Use	Categorical (discrete): e.g. the amount of oil consumption over different countries	Data to Use	Categorical (discrete): 4 to 8 categories of data. The data needs to be in % out of 100 before it can be plotted		
Visual Example	Oil consumption Oil production U.S. Dapan India Russia	Visual Example	Renewables 11.3% Coal 39% Gas 28%		
Histogram	Uses bars but with no gaps between them	Divided Bar Chart	Compares quantities or frequencies in different categories where the bars are subdivided to show multiple data		
Data to Use	Continuous data: e.g. daily rainfall values over a period of a month with the amount on the X axis (equal class intervals are used) and frequency on the Y axis.	Data to Use	Categorical (discrete): e.g. 5 sites of a river with each bar showing the 15 pieces of bedload but in the angularity categories		
Visual Example	8-9.9cm 16-17.9cm 18-19.9cm 18-19.9cm More than	Visual Example	Number of years Key Trees Small shrubs Mosses/lichens Low shrubs and soft-stem plants/herbs		

Scatter Graph	If two sets of numerical data are thought to be related they are plotted on a scatter graph	Population Pyramid	Compares male and female populations for a country		
Data to Use	Continuous: e.g. GNP and average car ownership. The independent variable goes on the X axis (variable that is causing the change) and the dependent variable on the Y axis	Data to Use	Continuous data on the X axis (population represented in millions) and age on the Y axis (categorical). The proportions are represented as bars (males on the left, females on the right)		
Visual Example	2.0- DB 1.0- X Best fit line 10'000 20'000 30'000 40'000 GNP (\$ per capita)	Visual Example	Large number of people living to middle and old age due to good health care and high standards of living s		
Choropleth	Use different colours or densities of the same colour to show the distribution of data	Isoline	Uses lines of equal value to show patterns (see		
Map Data to Use	The base map shows regions or areas Data is divided into groups or categories The intervals are equal and do not overlap The darker the shading the higher the values → easier to interpret and spot patterns Often misleading as colours change abruptly at boundaries → this may not be the case in the area e.g. more blurred boundaries / lines	Map Data to Use	maps for contours) Isoline maps can be used to represent data points over an area They are plotted onto a map and the lines join up areas of equal value They can be misleading if the lines are drawn onto a map with few data points → the more data points → the more representative Some subjectivity in plotting the data lines		
Plotting Data	Decide on the category that the data fits Shade the area the correct colour of the category	Plotting Data	 Mark the observed data onto the base map Consider the intervals of the lines The lines pass between values that are higher on one side and lower on the other 		
Visual Example	Key World HDI rates	Visual Example	TO T		
Dot Maps	Used to represent a particular value or number and are located accurately on a map	Proportional Symbols	Show data on a base map where spatial variations can be seen		
Data to Use	1 dot represents 1 value. E,g. one dot could represent 100,000 people in an area or an area that has experiences 5 or more earthquakes in 50 years.	Data to Use	The data represented is one category e.g. the total number of rollercoasters per US state or number of angular pieces of bedload at 5 river sampling sites		
Plotting Data	 Locate the area to draw the dot Use the key to add the correct sized dot on the map 	Plotting Data	 The scale will be done for you in the exam Use a compass to draw the correct size circle in the relevant location on the base map 		
Visual Example	Key 1 dot represents 100 000 people	Visual Example	Key Total number of roller coasters per state		

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	Used to show the movement of people or		Used to indicate the direction (arrow) and volume				
Desire Lines	goods between places	Flow Lines	(width of arrow) of movement of something.				
Data to Use	They show direct movement from one location to another, e.g. plane destinations from an airport	Data to Use	The data represented is one category e.g. the total number of rollercoasters per US state or number of angular pieces of bedload at 5 river sampling sites				
Plotting Data	Each line should be accurately positioned to show its source and destination clearly	Plotting Data	 Check the scale for the correct flow line width for the value you are representing Draw the arrow from the origin to the destination making sure it is the same thickness all the way along Do not allow arrows to cross over one another 				
Visual Example		Visual Example	Key: Visitor arrow widths 0.5% 10% Americal 20% South America Arica Arica Arica				
Dispersion Graphs	Used to show the spread of data and are a useful	way of makin	g comparisons between sites.				
Data to Use	Unlike a scattergraph, dispersion graphs only need one set of numerical data, e.g. bedload size. The data is plotted on the Y axis and the sites or locations are plotted on the X axis.						
Plotting Data	 Create a suitable scale on the X axis that starts at the lowest value in the data set and goes to the highest value in the data set Plot the data points using a X on one straight line for the site Draw a line to connect the lowest to the highest data value, this represents the range Draw a horizontal line for a specific width where the median value is Draw a horizontal line for the same width where the lower quartile value is Draw a horizontal line for the same width where the upper quartile value is Create a box from the UQ to the LQ, this represents the spread of the central 50% of the data Complete the same for the remaining data sets. If there is no data sets between sites then there is no statistical difference between the data sets 						
Visual Example	Site A Site E 30	Site C Site C X X X M LQ X X X X X X X X X X X X X	R = Range M = Median UQ = Upper quartile LQ = Lower quartile IQR = Inter-quartile range 'Box' indicating the spread of the central 50% of data set (Notice that there is no overlap of the box for site C with sites A and B. This means there is a significant difference between the data for site C and data for sites A and B.)				