| Line Graph | Shows continuous changes over time | Bar Chart | Compares quantities or frequencies in different categories |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |  | Visual <br> Example |  |
| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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) |
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| Choropleth Map | Use different colours or densities of the same colour to show the distribution of data | Isoline Map | Uses lines of equal value to show patterns (see maps for contours) |
| 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 $\rightarrow$ easier to interpret and spot patterns Often misleading as colours change abruptly at boundaries $\rightarrow$ this may not be the case in the area e.g. more blurred boundaries / lines | Data to Use | Isoline maps can be used to represent data points over an area <br> They are plotted onto a map and the lines join up areas of equal value <br> They can be misleading if the lines are drawn onto a map with few data points $\rightarrow$ the more data points $\rightarrow$ the more representative Some subjectivity in plotting the data lines |
| Plotting Data | 1. Decide on the category that the data fits <br> 2. Shade the area the correct colour of the category | Plotting <br> Data | 1. Mark the observed data onto the base map <br> 2. Consider the intervals of the lines <br> 3. The lines pass between values that are higher on one side and lower on the other |
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| 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 | 1. Locate the area to draw the dot <br> 2. Use the key to add the correct sized dot on the map | Plotting Data | 1. The scale will be done for you in the exam <br> 2. Use a compass to draw the correct size circle in the relevant location on the base map |
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