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Tricky Topics for GCSE Edexcel PE

4.1 Use of Data

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Teacher's Introduction

This resource has been created to supplement your teaching and to support you and your students with the requirements of the specification for **Edexcel GCSE PE (9–1): 4.1 Use of Data**. Students are required to develop their knowledge and skills in relation to key areas in Physical Activity and Sport for the Edexcel (9–1) GCSE PE specification:

- Demonstrating how data is collected and used – both quantitatively and qualitatively
- Establishing methods to present data – through use of graphs and tables
- Analysing and evaluating data – interpreting data from graphs, tables and charts

This pack has been broken down into three sections to follow the three requirements of the specification (*data collection, presentation and interpretation and analysis*), and aims to develop skills across all topics and components of the course, including:

- 1.4.6 Short-term and long-term effects of exercise
- 3.2.3 Components of fitness
- 3.1.2 Trends in participation rates
- 1.2.2 Health, fitness and well-being

Why is 'Use of Data' a tricky topic?

Scientists regularly construct and interpret figures, but students often struggle with the students not understanding the importance of the figures in context, a lack of knowledge of figures, e.g. axes, variables and data points, and a lack of clear direct teaching of this skill.

Previous examiners' reports have indicated how marks can be lost for drawing without drawing the wrong type of graph, not labelling axes, and continuing the graph too far. This resource aims to support students with the use of data in sport through an active learning approach to engage students and analysis of them.

Worksheets provided throughout this pack have been designed to be visual and include practical activities alongside more theoretical worksheets. There is a range of clear images to support students' understanding, which can also be used as a revision tool throughout the two-year course.

The pack contains three lessons, guided by the **teacher's overview page**, which highlight *guidance notes* for the activities that students receive. Each lesson then is inclusive of what follows:

1. **Summary notes** – provide background knowledge and information on each subtopic for the activities and give them a base to work from.
2. **Theoretical practical tasks** – progressively build students' understanding of the terms and concepts individually before combining them as a whole. Tasks provide independent and include individual, paired and small-group work. Each task is carefully instructed and minimal input from the teacher is needed, allowing you to float by students who need it. Optional extensions are also provided throughout – these can be used as activities for the quicker learners or provided as homework.
3. **Top tips** – offer students key advice that can support knowledge retention and exam preparation.
4. **Questions to think about** – provide opportunities for in-class discussion springboards on the topic to stretch and challenge students.
5. **Exam-style questions / Practice Questions** – Exam-style questions expose students to the subtopic and help them put their knowledge and understanding into practice. When used in an exam, these are titled 'Practice Questions'. These cover topic areas included in the specification and students with sound knowledge. They aim to support development of key skills for the specification. Practising presenting data can help students with analysing data later in the resource.

Each lesson also contains **thought-provoking visualisers and diagrams** to stimulate learning and understanding of the tricky topic. Each worksheet is write-on and can be photocopied and used in class. Activities included require minimal equipment.

This pack also includes **practical activities** that support students in applying their data skills to real-life situations. These activities cover the requirements of the specification – *data collection, presentation and analysis and evaluation of data*. These activities provide options for some of the tasks specified in the specification. Use the topic area students may need more practice with. These can also be presented as homeworks, or be used to guide teaching and learning of the topic(s) covered.

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Teacher's Overview


This table provides an overall summary of how to use each worksheet in a lesson, providing time suggestions for each activity and relevant teaching points to consider when setting students on each task. You may wish to hand these out as independent learning alongside your lessons. The worksheets include group tasks that students can adapt to complete on their own. Optional extensions are provided throughout – these can be supplied as in-class extension activities for the quicker learners or provided as homework.

Topic no.	Spot reference and title	Time suggestion	Equipment needed	Guidance notes
1	4.1.1–2 How data is collected – both quantitatively and qualitatively	1 hour	Booklets / plain paper	<p>5 min: Introduce the two types of data. Get students to think of further examples.</p> <p>5 min: Students complete Activity 1 independently. They can then check their answers with their peer. They should discuss whether there are any differences. Students to also discuss the question to think about with their peer.</p> <p>10–15 min: Discuss the key issues in collecting data, giving students an awareness of the four key factors (validity, reliability, accuracy and precision) which will support their knowledge during the analysis and evaluation section. Students should also complete Activity 2.</p> <p>10 min: Students to independently read through the different ways of collecting data and the advantages and disadvantages of the two different types.</p> <p>20 min: (Activity 3) Complete the 'data collection' section from any one of the five practical activities found at the end of the pack (A–D). You may choose either the topic you will be teaching in class or a topic that students particularly struggle with.</p>

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Topic no.	Spec reference and title	Time suggestion	Equipment needed	Guidance notes
2	 4.1.3 Presenting data	1 hour	Booklets / plain paper Rulers for drawing graphs	<p>5–10 min: Discuss the different ways sporting data is commonly presented and the types of graph that students are likely to encounter in their exams. Bar charts and line graphs are most commonly used. Pie charts may be used for analysis-type questions in A-Level exams. Some knowledge of scatter plots should also be given.</p> <p>10–15 min: (Activity 1) Students to complete the activity, which recaps some terms from the previous lesson. They introduce the stages of drawing a graph. Plotting graphs has not been a requirement in past exams, so this is an important element of the PEP.</p> <p>5 min: Show students the bar chart, which may get them to reflect on their answers in Activity 1. Students complete Activity 2. They should also then view the line graph and answer the question to think about as a class.</p> <p>10 min: (Activity 2) Students complete the activity.</p> <p>15 min: (Activity 3) Complete the 'presenting data' and 'analysing data' sections from any one of the five practical activities found at the end of the pack (A–D). You may choose either the topic you will be teaching in class or a topic that students particularly struggle with. If teaching this pack together, you may select the same activity that students did in the previous lesson (above).</p> <p>(Optional) Extension: Students to visit: zzed.uk/11446-stats-perform and answer the questions given.</p> <p>5 min: (Practice questions) Students should complete the practice questions at a rate of approximately 1 mark per minute.</p>

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Topic no.	Spec reference and title	Time suggestion	Equipment needed	Guidance notes
3	4.1.4–5 Analysing and evaluating data	1 hour	Booklets / plain paper	<p>10–15 min: Introduce the analysis of data and provide an introduction to how different graphs are analysed, including use of correlations for scattergraphs* and the difference between bar charts and line graphs and pie charts. Get students to answer the questions and discuss to think about the best graphs for different specification points.</p> <p>10 min: (Activity 1) Complete the activity to guide students into presenting the data (recapping previous lessons), describing what they say and explaining what this shows, which is the core of answering multiple choice questions.</p> <p>10 min: Students to read through the examples of questions and tips on how interpretation of graphs/tables/questions may appear in the exam and raise any questions. They should answer the questions.</p> <p>5 min: (Activity 2) Students complete the activity.</p> <p>15–20 min: (Activity 3 – Exam-style questions) Students complete activity to analyse the graph as prep for answering the questions. Time answering the questions at approximately 1 minute per mark. Provide time to discuss answers as a class.</p> <p>(Optional) Extension: Students to analyse the data collected from one of the practical activities to explain what is happening.</p>

*Note that it is unlikely scattergraphs will come up in the exam, but these have been included as additional information to understand all types of graph.

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Student Introduction

With athletes and teams trying to make marginal gains over their opponents, there has been more widespread use of technology. From the race track to the football field, sports scientists use technology and other means to record athletes' data, interpret the results and evaluate methods in order to improve performance. Whether it's breaking off one one-hundredth of a second in a sprint, or knowing when to substitute players in a team, athletes become fatigued.

Building on several different topics throughout the course, this pack will help you develop your understanding to 'use data' for your exams and non-examined assessment (NEA). It demonstrates how data is collected and used – both quantitatively and qualitatively. You will present data through the use of graphs and tables, and analyse and evaluate data using graphs, tables and charts.

This 'Tricky Topics' pack will support you in being more competent in this topic at the examination (and NEA, where applicable).

Each lesson in this pack covers a separate topic. Your teacher may give you specific instructions for your lessons, but if you're tackling a worksheet on your own, follow these steps:

- Read the information on the worksheet – this will give you a base to work from.
- Read the part of your textbook which covers this topic. If you don't have a textbook, look for key words or concepts online.
- Work through the activities or questions in the order given. If you have the time, you can look at the answers you can before looking at it.
- Check your answers against the answer sheet, or mark your work to your own satisfaction.

Good luck!

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Quantitative and qualitative

Data is a collection of facts used to represent and describe something. Data does not have to be numerical and can be collected in a wide variety of forms. Data collection is used in many areas of science, psychology and sport. Elite sports teams use a wide variety of data collection methods to analyse a range of factors, including fitness and performance. By collecting data on a player and trends which can be used by an athlete to identify their weaknesses or strengths. For example, a player collected data on the average distance they ran each game, they could compare this with their teammates to identify whether they need to improve their stamina.

What types of data can be collected?

There are two types of data you should be familiar with:

- **Quantitative data** – this is any type of data that can be expressed as numbers (quantified). This could include data such as heart rate, weight and height.
- **Qualitative data** – this is any type of data that can't be expressed as numbers and instead describes the 'quality' of something. This could include descriptions, opinions or observations.

Activity 1 (individual)

Place the appropriate abbreviation for quantitative data (QT) or qualitative data (QL) in the box given below.

a)	Completing a survey on the number of people who meet the recommended physical activity
b)	Answering questions on your personal challenges in your performance
c)	Interviewing an athlete about their enjoyment of their training programme
d)	Measuring someone's height and weight to calculate their BMI
e)	Measuring tidal volume with a spirometer
f)	Completing a feedback form that is assessing how you felt after an exercise
g)	Measuring heart rate with a heart rate monitor
h)	Observing an athlete's behaviour during a match
i)	Completing a questionnaire to assess an athlete's level of anxiety out of 10

Question to think about

Data collection is becoming increasingly important in sport. As elite teams look to find ways of gaining an advantage over their opponents, how do you think sports teams might use data to gain an advantage?

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Key issues in collecting data

Once we have decided what type of data we are going to collect, we then need to think about the equipment we are going to use to collect it. Let's imagine if we wanted to measure the heart rate of an athlete after they had finished a training session. There are numerous ways this could be done: counting their pulse, asking them to wear a heart rate monitor, or using an electrocardiogram (ECG) immediately after exercise. The methods we use to collect data depend on the equipment we have available and the practicality of using a particular method. Would it be reasonable to ask an athlete to wear a heart rate monitor immediately after training just to measure their heart rate when they finish? Why not?

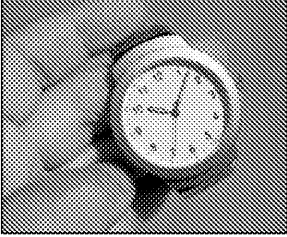


The methods that we use to collect data can have a big impact on the results we get. There are a number of key issues that we need to be aware of when we collect data:

- **Validity** – this describes the extent to which a test measures what it is meant to measure. For example, if we want to measure exercise intensity just by recording the total distance run? No, other factors would also be important to make the data more valid!
- **Reliability** – this describes how consistent the data is, e.g. do you get the same answer if you repeat the test? If the answer is no then the data isn't very reliable.
- **Accuracy** – this describes how close a result is to its true value, e.g. if you time a 100m race by counting in your head, is the result going to be very accurate? If you use a stopwatch, the result will be more accurate.
- **Precision** – this describes the size of the measurement value that has been used, e.g. if you are measuring the height of someone it would be more precise to measure in centimetres than in inches.

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that collecting data provides compared to other methods of data collection.

Elite athletes and sports science researchers will often use fancy techniques such as statistical testing to ensure that their data meets the factors above. However, even at this level there are simple ways to ensure that the data you collect is valid, reliable, accurate and precise.

Example: The following pieces of equipment are all used to measure time, but each has a different level of precision. How can we improve precision when timing a friend to run 100 m?

<p>a) Standard watch</p>  <p>Unit of measurement: 1 second Precision: Low</p>	<p>b) Sports stopwatch</p>  <p>Unit of measurement: 0.1 seconds Precision: Medium</p>	<p>c) More precise stopwatch</p>  <p>Unit of measurement: 0.01 seconds Precision: High</p>
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Activity 2 (individual)

1. At a school sports day, four students were asked to time the 200 m using stopwatches. The time each student recorded for the winner of the race:

	Student 1	Student 2	Student 3
Time recorded (s)	24.5	23.2	22.8

- i) Which of the following keywords for data collection could play a role in this situation? Circle the correct answer(s).



Precision

Accuracy

Reliability

- ii) Explain your answer.

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Collecting quantitative data

Quantitative data collection is important for many aspects of sport and can be used to collect valuable information. This form of data collection is commonly used for fitness testing, and evaluating health. As previously discussed, the way in which this data is collected is important. However, there are commonly used techniques for collecting quantitative data for different types of sport.

  It is important to remember that although the different types of quantitative data might be assessing different variables such as speed, distance and time, the data will always be represented numerically.

Collection technique	What it involves	
Questionnaires and surveys	This form of data collection is often used in sports psychology and can be used to determine factors such as personality characteristics, stress and anxiety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using a personal diary to collect data on anxiety. The data is collected as a numerical value, e.g. as a percentage. Using a survey to collect data on heart rates in sport. The data is collected as a numerical value, e.g. as a percentage or frequency.
Laboratory data collection	This form of data collection is often used in sports science and can be used to determine physiological factors such as respiratory and cardiovascular function.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using a spirometer to collect data on respiratory function. The data is collected as a numerical value, e.g. in litres, e.g. 5000 litres. Using an automated sphygmomanometer to collect data on blood pressure. This data is collected as a numerical value, e.g. in millimetres of mercury, e.g. 120/80 mmHg.

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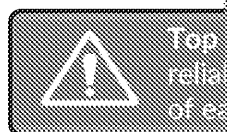


Collection technique	What it involves	
Field-based data collection	This form of data collection is often used in fitness testing and can be used to determine fitness factors such as speed, strength and stamina.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using a stopwatch for a fitness assessment or a marathon race as a numerical value in seconds or minutes. Using an 800 m distance-based Cooper 12-minute test where the time collected as a number of metres or minutes.

What does all of the data above have in common? It is represented **numerically**.

Collecting qualitative data

Qualitative data is another form of data often used in sport which can provide a less rigid way to research or understand a topic compared to quantitative data collection. As previously explained, qualitative data is not expressed numerically, which means different methods have to be used to collect it. The use of qualitative data can be applied to many aspects of sports, it is most as psychology.



Collection technique	What it involves	
Interview	This form of data collection involves interviewing an athlete or coach in a relaxed setting for a range of different topics such as analysing their feelings towards training or the techniques they use to minimise stress.	A professional footballer's data about the way they behave on the pitch. Aggressive behaviour data can't be represented numerically. It is collected by writing down their responses.
Focus group	This form of data collection involves analysing the responses of a group of athletes to a range of questions and can be used to evaluate the consensus of the team towards topics such as tactics, training and attitudes.	Holding a focus group with players of a professional football team to get their views on how the team's performance can be improved. The data is represented numerically by writing down their answers.
Observation	This form of data collection involves collecting data by observing an athlete and can be performed in real time, such as during a match or through video playback.	Observing a professional footballer during a rugby match to see how they react in stressful situations. The data is represented numerically by writing down and describing their actions.

What does all of the data above have in common? It represents the **quality** of something.

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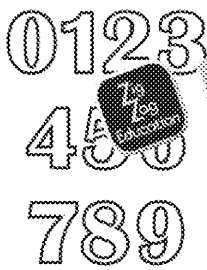



Question to think about

Have you ever watched a TV presenter or pundit use statistics to compare different players? How do you think the data they use is collected?

You have learnt that professional sports teams will often use a range of data collection techniques. How do they decide which techniques to use, or which technique is best for a certain situation?

There are advantages and disadvantages to collecting both quantitative and qualitative data, which are summarised below.

	Advantages	
Quantitative data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + It can be easier to analyse and compare the numbers can be presented as graphs and charts + It is less open to interpretation and provides more objectivity and accuracy of results + It allows for a broader collection of data (more participants), which allows more generalisations of the results + The research used to collect the data is often standardised, so can easily be replicated, making it more reliable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It can be difficult to know what gives rise to this data - Research is often unbalanced, which can lead to bias
Qualitative data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + It provides more explanation into people's feelings and behaviour + It isn't as limiting as numbers or scores + It avoids prejudgement of results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It can be difficult to compare and interpret more than one person's data - There is often a lot of subjective description of athletes - Often it is difficult to know which results are more reliable

Activity (individual/group practical)

Complete 'Data collection' from any activity A-E (separate worksheets).

Extension activity

Watch a sports competition or match (this can be a live match or a replay online) and record the data you have just gained:

- a) Collect **two** quantitative measurements in the first half/part. This could be the number of goals in a rugby match or the number of faults in a gymnastics competition. Begin your data collection with a table or graphs. How will you record your data?
- b) Collect **one** qualitative measurement during the match/competition in the second half/part. How does a certain player react to losing the match? What method will you use to collect this data?

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Exam-style questions

Complete the following exam-style questions to practise what you have learnt.

1. Which **one** of the following is a suitable method for collecting quantitative data?
- A. Observation
 - B. Interview
 - C. Survey
 - D. Focus group

2. Define the term 'quantitative data'.

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3. The Illinois agility run test collects quantitative measurements to evaluate performance.

State **three** ways in which quantitative measurements from the Illinois agility run test can be used to plan a personal exercise programme (PEP).

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Presenting data

It is important that once data has been collected we are able to present it clearly with results and conclusions. After all, there is no point collecting data if you don't know about a sports coach or personal trainer; if they are collecting data from a series of tests, they are able to present the results so that they can monitor the athlete's progress. As quantities of numbers, it is best represented as either a **table** or a **graph**. Tables are often used for raw data, while graphs are mostly used to present data that has been processed, such as a line graph. Graphs are also a good way of presenting data in a visual way that is easily understood. Trends are much easier to see.

Commonly used graphs in sport

Bar chart: This type of graph involves representing data as vertical or horizontal columns and is a good way of comparing groups of data, e.g. the distance jumped in the long jump by students in a PE class. The x-axis represents the groups that the data has been collected from (e.g. the students' names) while the y-axis represents the type of data collected (e.g. distance jumped).

Line graph: This type of graph involves representing data as lines between each point and is a good way of comparing groups and analysing how something changes over a period of time, e.g. the winning time of a marathon from the years 2001–2010. The x-axis usually represents the time period (e.g. the year 2001–2010) while the y-axis represents the type of data collected (e.g. winning marathon time).

Pie chart: This type of graph involves representing data as a circular area broken down into its appropriate parts and is a good way of expressing data as a percentage of its constituent parts. (If a sports club has 1,200 members, how many members are in each age group (U12s, U13s, etc.)? This type of graph does not have a y-axis; instead requires a *key* to understand which part of the chart represents which group.

Scattergraph: This type of data involves representing data as scatter points and compares them using a line of best fit. This type of data is a good way of comparing two sets of data and analysing the relationship between them (correlation), e.g. how revision time affects exam scores. The x-axis represents the independent variable (e.g. hours spent revising) while the y-axis represents the dependent variable (e.g. the exam score).



Top tip!

To remember which axis is which, remember that the x-axis goes 'a cross'.

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Activity 1 (individual)

1. Below is a table of data recorded from four gymnasts performing the sit-and-stand.

Gymnast	Distance (inches)		
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
A	6.5	6.6	6.8
B	5.0	5.1	5.3
C	4.6	4.4	4.6
D	5.5	5.7	5.6

i) Which type of graph would be best to compare the distances stretched throughout the three weeks? Tick the correct answer below.

Line graph Bar chart Pie chart

ii) Which of the following factors would be increased if each gymnast had twice a week as opposed to just once a week? Tick the correct answer below.

Accuracy Reliability Validity

iii) Suggest how the precision of the data above could be improved.

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How to present or plot a graph

Sometimes you may be required to represent the information in a table as a line graph.

To do this you should follow some basic steps:

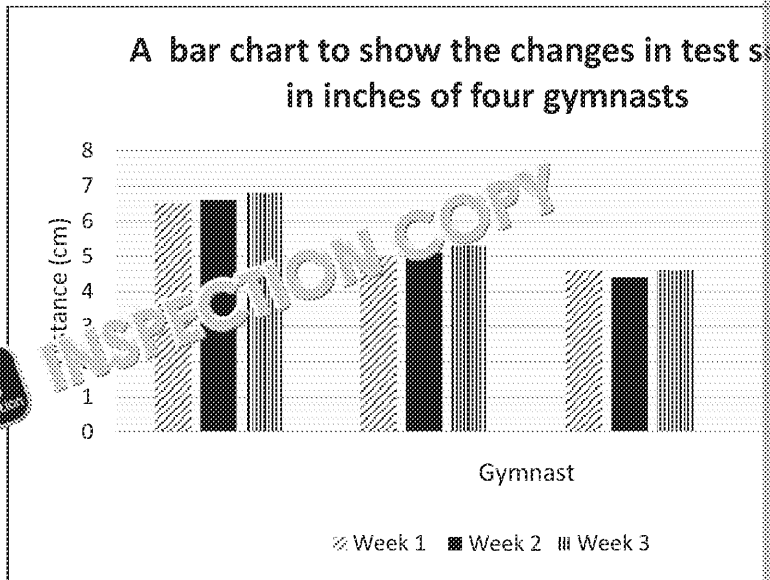
- Identify the variables** – a variable is any factor or condition that can exist in an experiment. There can be one of two types of variable:
 - Independent variable** – this is the variable that is manipulated or changed and directly affects the dependent variable, e.g. weeks in the above example.
 - Dependent variable** – this is the variable that is being tested or measured, e.g. distance in the example above.
- Draw/label the axes** – the independent variable always goes on the x-axis (horizontal line) and the dependent variable goes on the y-axis (vertical line); the two lines meet at the origin where both axes cross. Make sure you write the title for each axis and include units in brackets.
- Determine the scale** – each axis needs to show the range of data from the lowest to the highest value. The scale should be evenly presented, going up in multiples, e.g. 1 s, 10 s, 100 s.
- Plot the data carefully** – remember ‘along the corridor, up the stairs’. Mark the data points on the graph, and for line graphs, draw a line of best fit through the points.
- If you are presenting data with more than one dependent variable, you may need a key to indicate which line or bar represents which variable.
- Include a title** – make this as descriptive as possible, e.g. ‘A graph to show the effect of X on Y’.

Tip! When drawing a graph always put the independent variable (the variable that you can't control) e.g. time, on the x-axis.

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Below shows the raw data presented earlier as a bar chart.

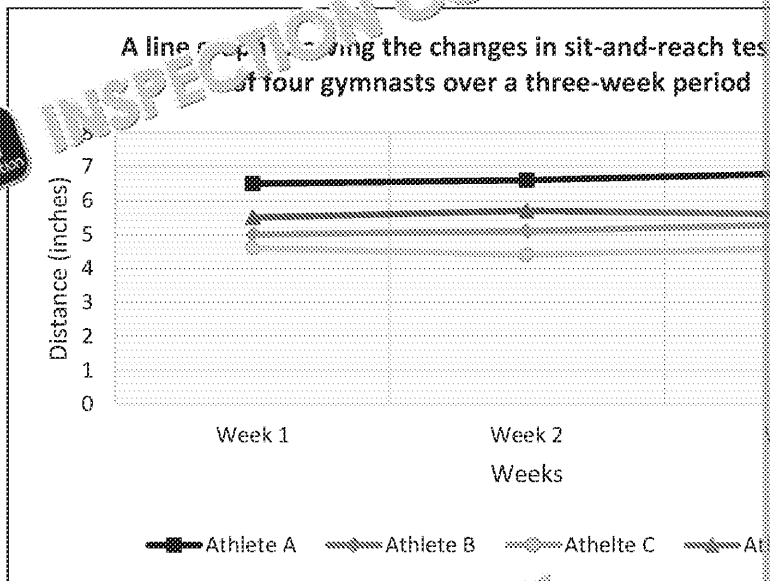


Activity 2 (pairs)

Discuss the following questions with a peer:

1. Do you notice anything wrong with the bar chart (above)? (Check against the criteria)
2. Describe how you would present this bar chart differently.

The graph could also be represented as a line graph, as shown below.



Question to think about

Which do you think is easier for comparing the changes in sit-and-reach fitness of gymnasts over the three-week period?

Top tip! You may not be required to plot information in the exam, but you will need to provide raw data in graph format in your PE portfolio.

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Activity 3 (individual/pairs)

1. Below is a table containing data on adults (16 years and older) who participate in sport at least once a week.

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011
Adults (million)	15.2	15.3	15.2	15.1

- i) The data above is an example of **quantitative** data. What is the advantage of quantitative data?

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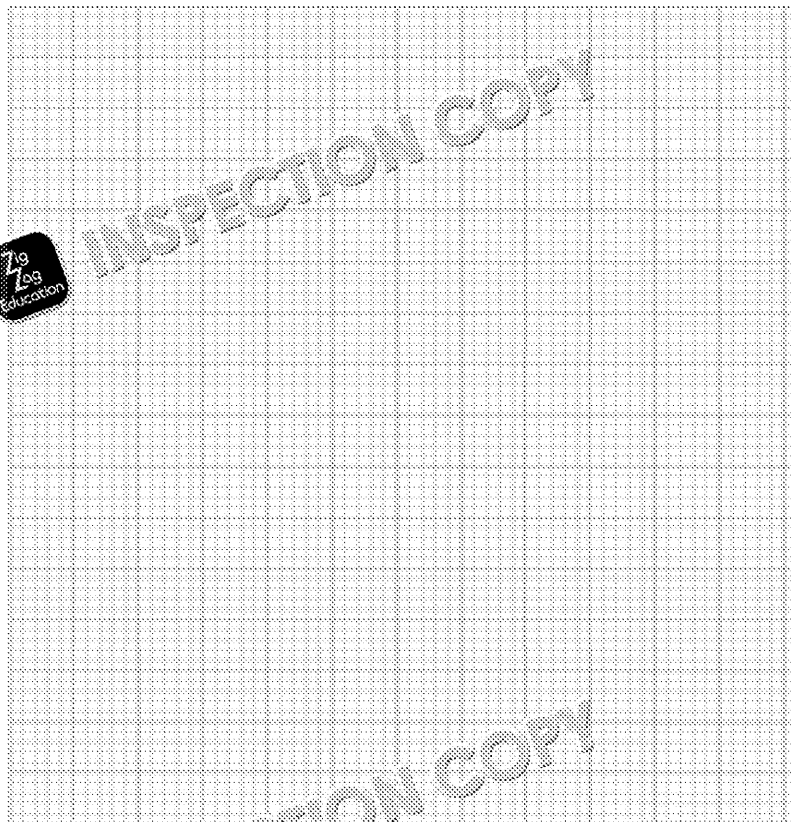
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- ii) What type of graph would be best for representing how participation has changed over the six-year period?

Line graph Bar chart Scattergraph

- ii) Using the data, plot a line graph to represent how participation in sport and recreation has changed over the six-year period. Label the axes and include a title for your graph.



 **Top tip!** Use a ruler to ensure your lines are accurate.

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Presenting qualitative data

Presenting qualitative data can be more complicated than presenting quantitative data. It is often obvious to distinguish (try to remember the disadvantages of qualitative data discussed in the previous chapter). Qualitative data can often result in pages of writing, hours of video footage or lots of audio recordings. As with quantitative data it is important that results and conclusions can be drawn from your data. Although not essential for your exam, it is important to understand how qualitative data can be presented in order to help support your overall understanding of this type of data.

Tips for presenting qualitative data:

- Once qualitative data has been collected, a good first step is to **summarise** by pulling out the most important information, e.g. when conducting an interview with a volleyball player about anxiety, if you are trying to find out the causes of their anxiety, the symptoms of their anxiety might not be as relevant.
- Summarising qualitative data can be done by **categorising** the data collected. For example, you can compare different categories, e.g. if you have lots of video recordings of 100 m sprints, you could categorise the race into different sections, such as 0–20 m, etc., and then compare the different races.

Question to think about

When you watch sport on TV have you ever seen the presenters or pundits present different types of data from the sport? Can you think about the different ways their data is presented?

Activity 4 (individual/group practical)

Complete 'Data presentation' from an activity A–E (separate worksheets).

Extension activity

Opta Sports is a British sports data and statistics company that records, analyses and presents sports data across many sports. Take a look at its website (zed.uk/11446-stats) and answer the following questions:

1. How many sports does the company cover?
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2. How does Opta Sports record data? What is the company's methodology?
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3. List the different methods used by Opta Sports for presenting data.
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4. Who uses the data that the company presents?
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Practice questions

Complete the following questions to practise what you have learnt.

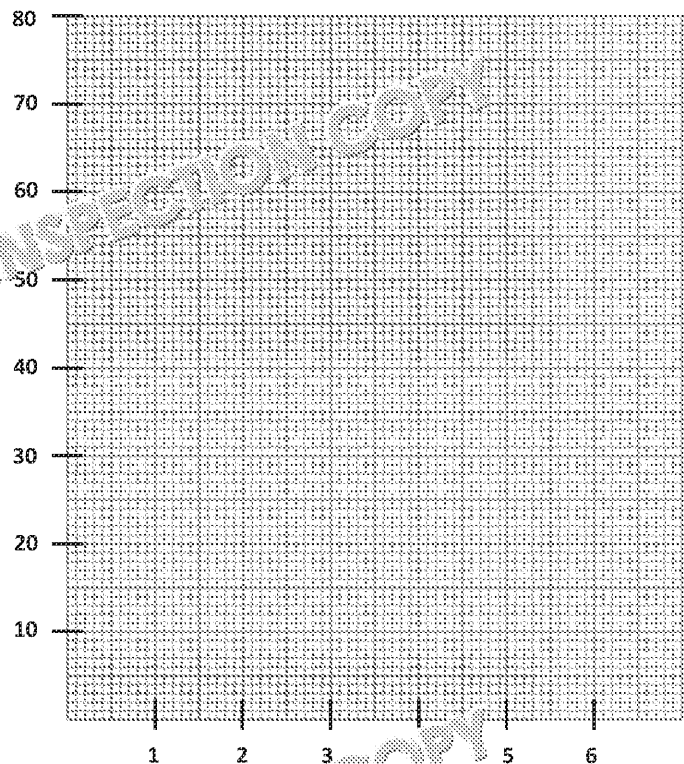
- Jerome is a basketball player who has just completed a training programme. Fitness-testing sessions during the programme to evaluate how effective it was. His jump test scores can be seen in the table below.

Week	Performance (cm)
Week 1	37
Week 2	41
Week 3	43
Week 4	49
Week 5	55
Week 6	56

Plot the information in the table onto the graph paper below to show Jerome's

Label the axes and join up the points to form a line graph.

A graph showing changes in vertical jump test scores for Jerome over a six-week training programme



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2. The English Premier League has seen a rapid growth in commercialisation over the last few seasons. The table below shows the revenue brought in from domestic TV rights over the last few seasons:

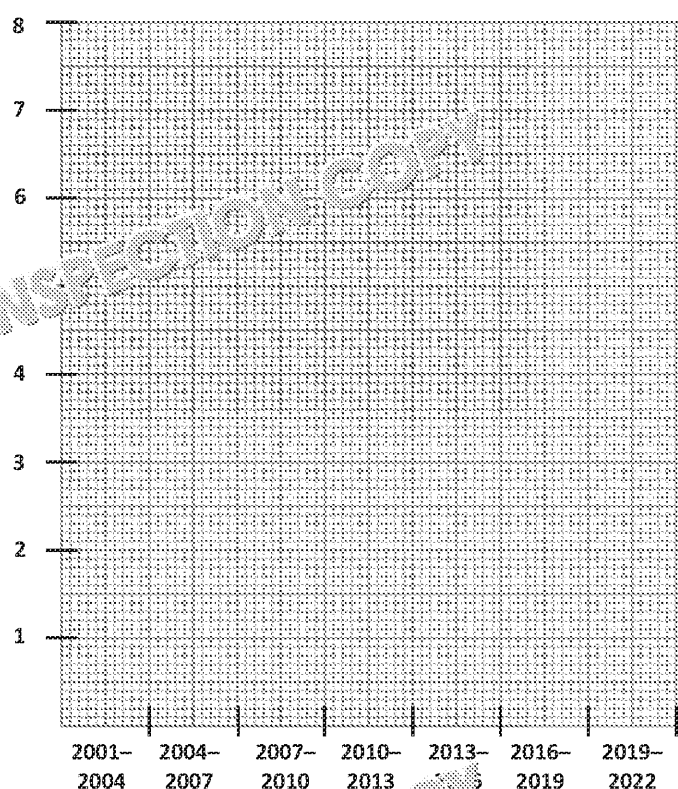
Season	Revenue from domestic TV rights (£ billion)
2001–2004	1.2
2004–2007	1.0
2007–2010	1.8
2010–2013	1.8
2013–2016	3.0
2016–2019	5.1
2019–2022	4.4

Source: BBC Sport

Draw a bar chart on the graph paper below to show the changes in revenue

Label the axes.

A bar chart comparing revenue from domestic TV rights in the English Premier League over the last 21 years



Question to think about

Would the above bar chart look better as a line graph? Explain why you think so.



Top tip! Make sure you read the question. It will often state which graph to use.

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Analysing and evaluating

It is important to be able to analyse and evaluate data in order to be able to identify trends. For example, if a coach asks their team to perform a series of fitness tests, they will use the results of this data to identify areas for improvement. This will then allow the coach to plan sessions according to the results, in order to improve identified weaknesses. You will often collect and present data and now it is important to be able to analyse and evaluate it. To understand what the data means. Different types of graphs, such as scattergraphs, require different approaches in order to extract the relevant information.



Remember, graphs are used to represent quantitative data that is measured or counted in numbers.

How do we analyse and evaluate the data in a graph?

Line graph: A line graph is commonly used to show change over different data points. It is clear and can help show trends. Unlike scattergraphs, the line joins each of the points from one point to another. It can help show local trends and the overall trend of the data.

Bar chart: In order to analyse and evaluate this type of graph we often compare the different categories and identify the highest and lowest categories so that we can then try to explain the results.

Scattergraph: In order to analyse and evaluate this type of graph, we often use a *line of best fit* and terms such as *positive* and *negative correlation* to describe the results of the data.

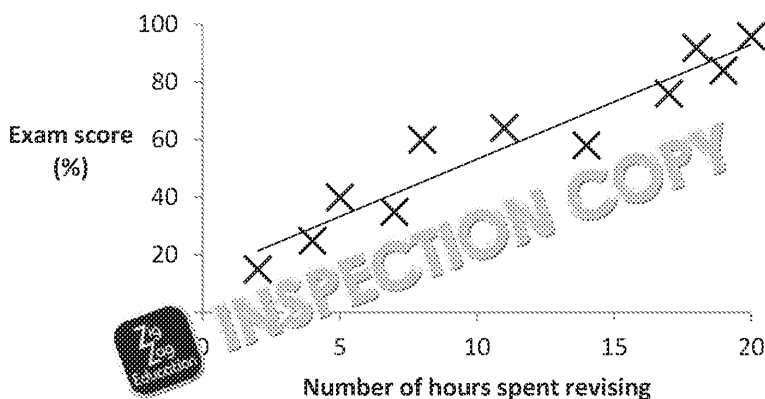
Pie chart: In order to analyse and evaluate this type of graph, we often compare the different sections of the chart to each other and identify the highest and lowest proportions so that we can then try to explain the results of the data.

Line of best fit

The best way to analyse and evaluate *scattergraphs* is by using a *line of best fit*. You simply draw a line using a ruler roughly through the middle of your data set. Software often allow this to be done automatically and with much more accuracy; however, you can draw a line of best fit as a rough estimate from sight using a ruler.

Line graphs
drawn on a grid
type of graph
Correlation
scattergraphs
negative

The effect of revision on exam scores



Tip 1: When drawing a line of best fit through a scattergraph, it is important to pass through the points. This helps to ensure that the line is a good fit for the data.

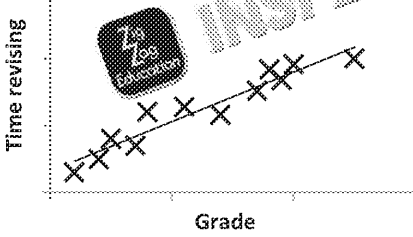
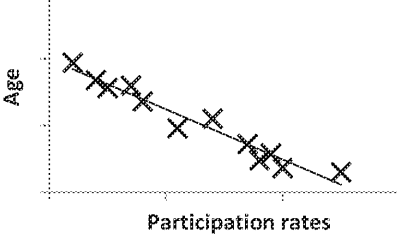
Tip 2: A line of best fit is used to show the overall trend of the data and to help predict the results of the data.

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What is correlation?

We use correlation to describe whether there is a connection between the two variables. For example, using the line graph on the previous page, correlation would be used to describe the relationship between the number of hours spent revising and exam scores. We can use correlation to answer questions: Are the two variables connected, and, if so, in what way do they influence each other? Does more time spent revising influence test score?

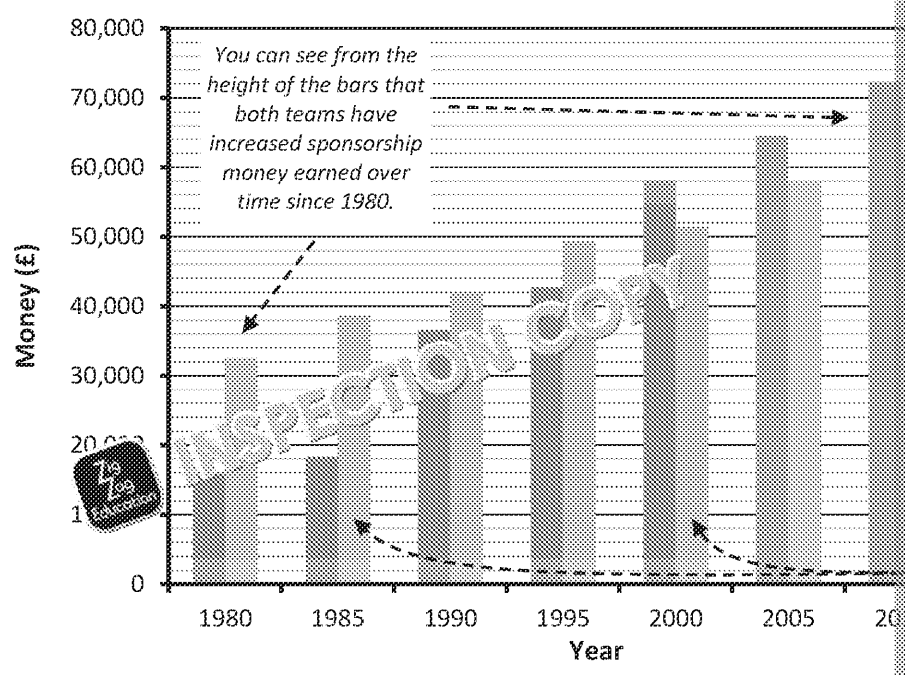
Positive correlation	Negative correlation
	
<p>Positive correlation describes a positive relationship between the two variables. Therefore, as one variable increases so does the other, e.g. the more hours a student spends revising, the better their test score – <i>best get revising!</i></p>	<p>Negative correlation describes a negative relationship between the two variables. Therefore, as one variable increases the other decreases, e.g. as age increases participation in sport decreases.</p>

Note that correlation does not mean causation! There might be outliers that do not fit the trend, e.g. an individual who doesn't revise and does well on a mark!

Bar charts and line graphs

While scatter plots are used to express the correlation between two variables to show the relationship between them, bar charts are used to compare things between different groups or to track changes over time. Line graphs are often better presented on a line graph, as we will see in a moment.

Figure 1: Sponsorship money earned by teams A and B

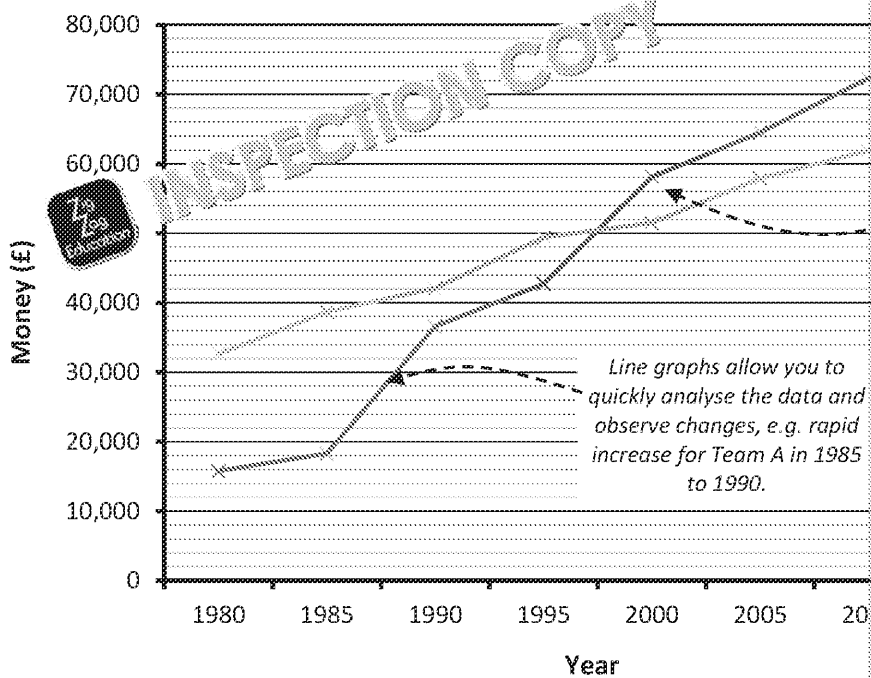


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Line graphs are used to help show changes over a short or long period of time. When changes exist, line graphs are preferred over bar charts. Like bar charts, line graphs can be used to compare between two groups. The line graph below shows the same information as the pie chart.

Figure 1: Sponsorship money earned by teams A and B



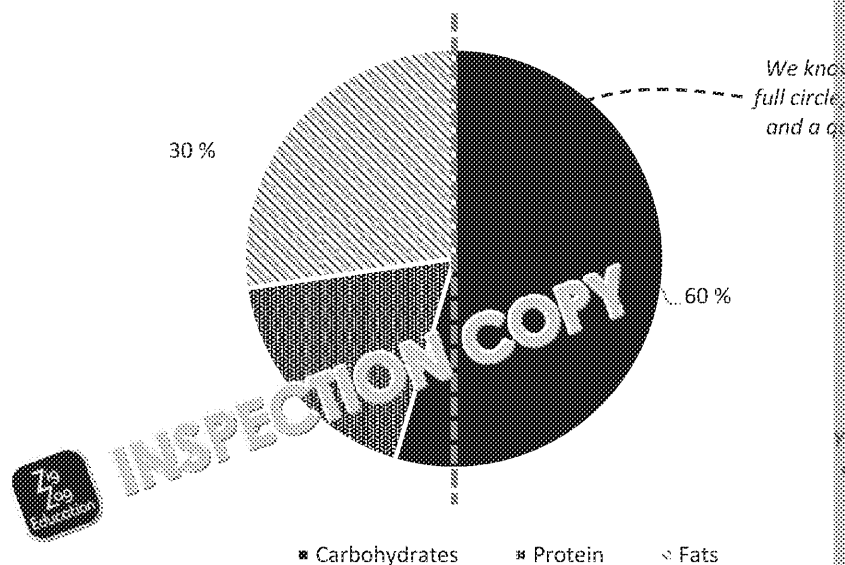
Question to think about

Think about all of the topics from the GCSE PE course and which topics could be compared. Which topics would be best displayed as a line graph, and which as a bar chart?

Pie charts

Pie charts are used to show relative sizes of data. A pie chart helps to identify the parts of a whole that represents. An example is the proportion of macronutrients we should consume.

Proportion of macronutrients recommended for a healthy diet



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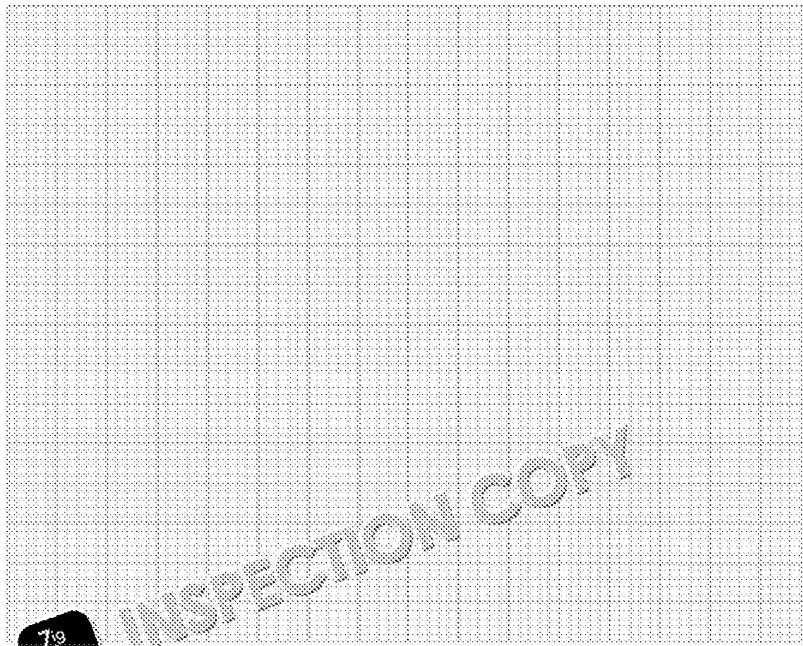


Activity 1 (individual)

It's time to recap and put your knowledge into practice.

1. In order to monitor the fitness of a professional hockey player, a personal trainer monitors the player's resting heart rate each month over a training period of eight months.
 - i) Using the data in the table below and the graph template provided, plot the data. Make sure you add all of the key

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6
Resting heart rate (b.p.m.)	85	79	74	70	68	65



- ii) Using the information you have just plotted on the graph, describe what the data points show. Think about the overall trend and the difference between

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- iii) Now explain what the graph shows to give a conclusion on the effect of

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Activity 1 got you to plot the graph (recapping on presentation of data) and then got you to look at the graph to interpret what it was showing. Firstly, you described what you can see, which is important as this often forms the evidence to the conclusions that you make.

This will typically be combined in the exam to form an analysis type question. For example:

- Analyse the data in the table to determine the trend of the s- and-reach test and the Illinois agility run test. (2 marks)
- Using the data provided, analyse the athlete's heart rate, stroke volume and a six-week cardiovascular training programme. (3 marks)



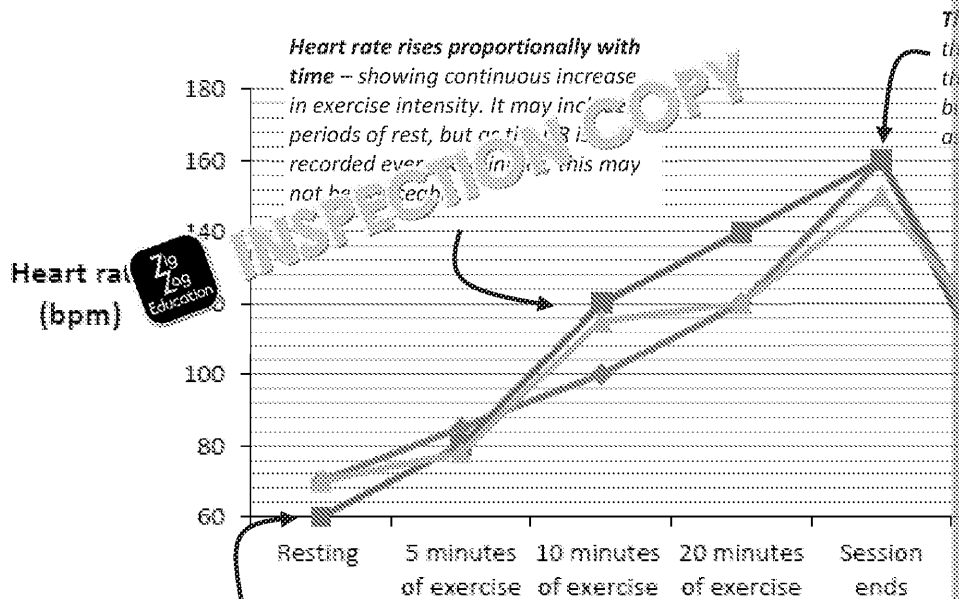
Top tip!

In the exam it is always important to explain a the data from the graph to back up your point

You may also experience questions that require you to interpret the graph/table answer, either short-answer or multiple-choice, or justify a statement that has been

- Using the data in the table, identify the training method being used. (1 mark)
- Identify from the table the respiratory rate during exercise and during recovery

A good way to analyse graphs/tables or charts is to annotate them to pick out key lowest values or changes in the graph and offer an explanation for what this could



The lowest resting heart rate – Athlete 2 could be the fittest as they potentially have a more efficient cardiovascular system.

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Activity 2 (individual)

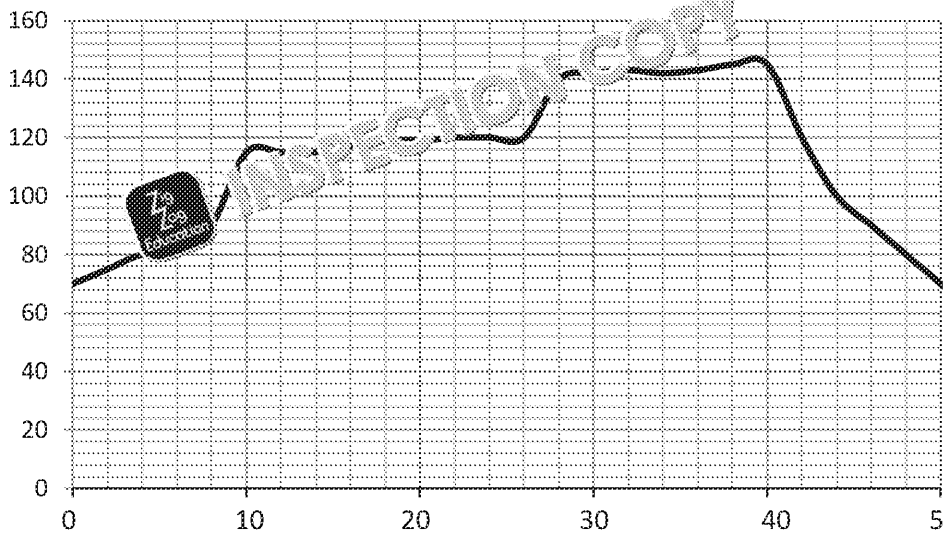
From the annotations provided, how answer the following questions.

1. Which athlete is the fittest?
2. Suggest a sport / physical activity that may be being performed.
3. Justify your choice of sport / physical from question 2.
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Activity 3 (pairs/small groups)

The following graph shows a 30-year-old's heart rate during exercise and during recovery. Complete the graph to add the missing components/titles. Then, annotate the graph to show what is happening at different stages.



In the exam and for your PEP, you will need to put this into words to answer questions. For your annotations, you should be able to do this.

One way you could envision doing this is by explaining what you think it shows about the graph as evidence.

Complete the following exam-style question.

1. i) Identify the maximum heart rate value recorded and the heart rate before the start of the exercise.



- ii) Using the graph, identify the training method being used.

- iii) Analyse the graph and consider what has happened between:

- 0 and 4 minutes
- 10 and 26 minutes



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Extension activity

Use the data you have collected from any of the practical activities A–E (separate sheets). Analyse the graphs to practise explaining what they are showing. Use references to each point made.

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Practical Activities

Activity A – Effects of exercise on the body

Exercise has different effects on the body depending on the type of exercise and how often you perform it. The effects of exercise are categorised into either *short-term* or *long-term* effects.

Quantitative data could be collected to determine the effects of exercise, such as measuring the short-term effects of exercise or monitoring body mass index (BMI) over a period of exercise.

In this practical, you will collect both *quantitative* and *qualitative* data by performing an interview with your classmates. Once your data on the short- and long-term effects of exercise will then present and analyse some of this data, using the data skills you have developed.

Data collection

To collect data on the **short-term** effects of exercise, you will conduct a questionnaire immediately after they have performed strenuous exercise. In order to apply the skills you are learning during your course on the short-term effects of exercise, you will devise the questionnaire for your classmates to rate the statements from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). You will give; one example of a question has already been given.

Q1 Example: <i>I feel very out of breath.</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Q2.....	1	2	3		
Q3.....	1	2	3		
Q4.....	1	2	3		
Q5.....	1	2	3		
Q6.....	1	2	3		
Q7.....	1	2	3		

In order to collect data on the **long-term** effects of exercise, you will conduct an interview with your classmates. Consider the following bullet points when asking your questions, and only use the space provided below.

Points to consider:

- What sport do they play?
- Have they ever experienced any long-term effects of exercise, e.g. improved fitness?
- How many long-term effects of exercise can they think of?

Write your questions and answers on a separate piece of paper / in your booklet for the next part (presenting and analysing data).

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Presenting data

- 1) Using the results from your questionnaire on the short-term effects of exercise, complete the table below (give the mean to the nearest whole number).

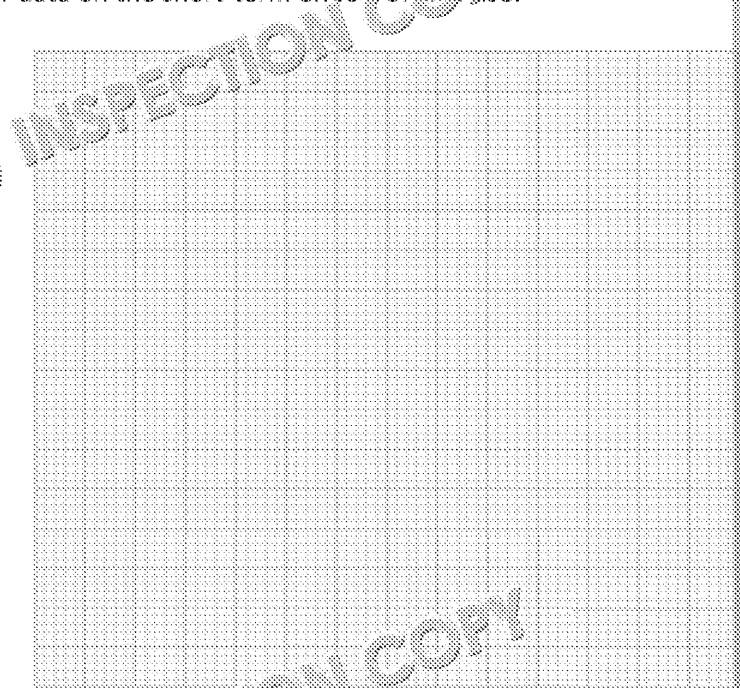
Participant's name	Score			
	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4
Mean				



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Top tip!
To find the mean, add all the numbers together and divide by the number of numbers.

- 2) Using your calculated means from each question, complete a bar chart using the grid below to represent your data on the short-term effects of exercise.



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Question to think about

How could you present the answers collected from your interview? What is the best format for others to see the answers?



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Analysing and evaluating data

Analyse your data using your graph.

- What does it suggest about the most experienced short-term effect of exercise?
- Which short-term effect is least experienced/noticed?
- Explain why this might be.

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Activity B – Components of fitness

Most sports require an athlete to possess a combination of many components of fitness. In some sports, some specific components of fitness might be predominant. In other sports, most athletes will ensure they are well-rounded. In this activity you will take part in some specific tests to measure certain components of fitness.

By recording your results, you will be able to collect data which can then be analysed. You will compare your data against that of your friends and classmates. Depending on your results in each fitness test, you may be different compared to your classmates.

Data collection

The following four stations will be set up to produce a circuit. Each station will include a specific component of fitness. You will record the data you have collected from each fitness test provided. By working in groups of three you will alternate between taking the fitness tests and recording the results of your classmates. Make sure every member of your group collects data. This data will be used later when analysing and presenting the data. Each person will get to

Station 1	Station 2
Fitness test: Sit-and-reach test Component of fitness tested: Flexibility	Fitness test: Grip strength dynamometer Component of fitness tested: Strength
Station 3	Station 4
Fitness test: 30 m sprint test Component of fitness tested: Speed	Fitness test: Sit-up test Component of fitness tested: Muscular endurance

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Tables to collect data

Name: Age:

Station	Attempt		
	1	2	3
Sit-and-reach test			
Grip strength dynamometer test			
30 m sprint test			
Sit-up test			

Name: Age:

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Grip strength dynamometer test			
30 m sprint test			
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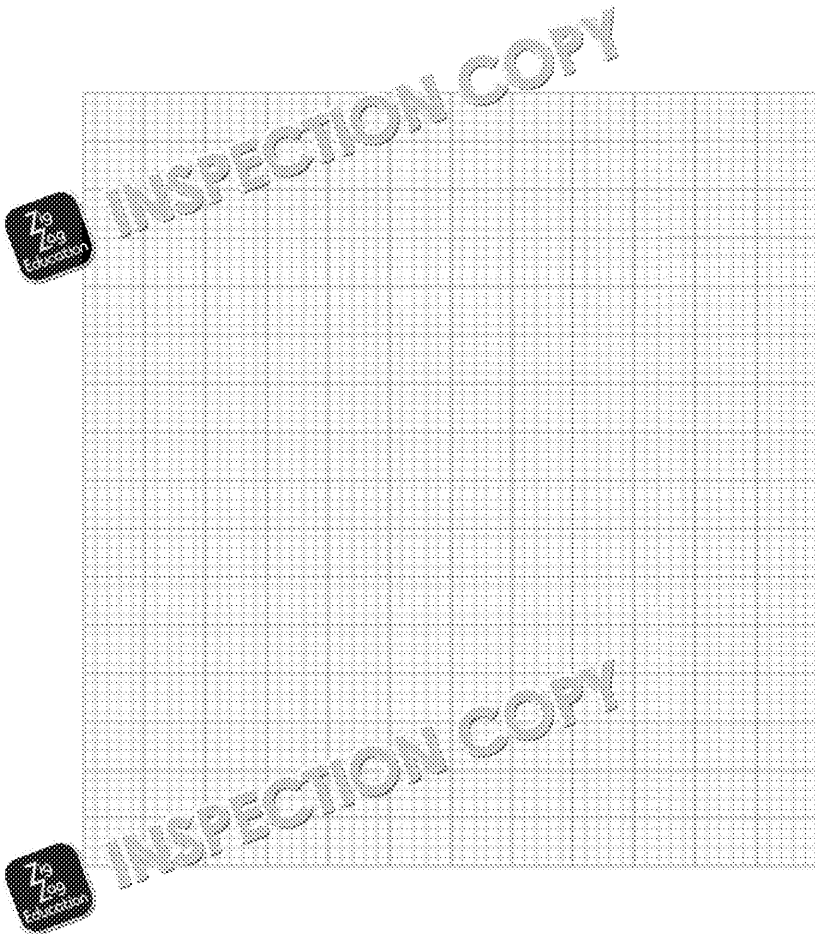


Presenting data

Once you have collected all of your data from each station, you will need to present this as a graph in order to analyse it and see what you can learn from your results. Perhaps you found some of the fitness tests easier than others?

Firstly, in order to do this you will need to complete the 'mean' column on your data collection tables. This is especially important as the numbers will be needed when answering the questions below and when creating your graphs.

- 1) What type of data have you collected?
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- 2) How could you have collected another type of data regarding the component?
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- 3) Using your data and the template below, plot a bar chart or a line graph showing the data collected for one of the fitness tests for a minimum of three people in your class.



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Analysing data

Sometimes you will be expected to analyse results of fitness tests against normal individuals in a defined population).

Research and find the normative data for your age group. Some good websites include:

- zzed.uk/11446-norms
- zzed.uk/11446-tests

Using your graph, analyse the fitness test results against the normative data table.

Consider:

- Which of your peers did best?
- How did your participant score against the normative data?
- What does this suggest about their fitness level?

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Activity C – Engagement patterns

Collecting data is a good way to analyse trends or describe the reasons behind a performance. With obesity rising in the UK, the government is keen to increase participation in physical activity and sport. By the end of your GCSE course you will have learnt about factors that can influence participation in sport. In this activity you will use your newly learnt data to analyse the factors that can influence participation.

Data collection

Conduct the questionnaire below on the following people to collect data about their participation in sport:

1. A friend
2. A family member
3. Yourself

The questionnaire should be conducted by you, with the answers written in the spaces provided. It is more useful to ask friends or family members who you know participate in sport. It is also important to remember that, when collecting data, all results are useful and can be analysed. Therefore, if you, your friends or your family don't participate in any sport or physical activity, try to think about the reasons why this is the case. All data is useful, and people from all professions, such as sports psychologists, would ensure that bias is not a factor and would use questionnaires on people from all types of backgrounds. Try to collect data from people of different ages.

Remember:

- *Quantitative data* deals with numbers; therefore, for questions in the questionnaire, just provide a number to indicate the participant's response. This data will be used to calculate percentages.
- *Qualitative data* deals with the quality of something and involves a description. For the questionnaire regarding qualitative data, provide a short description of the participant's response. Once again this data will be analysed later, so make sure you write only the most important points.

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Questionnaire template

Use the following template or create your own. Use a separate sheet for

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Basic information				
Name:				Relation to you:
Age:		Gender:		Favourite
Quantitative data				
How often do they participate in physical activity (number of times per week)?				
How much do they enjoy participating in sport and physical activity? (Circle their answer.)		Not at all		
		1	2	3 4
On average, how often do they watch sport (number of times per week)?				
Further questions:				
Qualitative data				
What is their favourite memory of playing or watching sport?				
Ask them to explain the reasons why they enjoy / don't enjoy participating in sport.				
Ask them to explain what it is about their favourite sport that makes it so enjoyable to watch and/or play.				
Further questions:				

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Presenting data

It's time to present the data from your questionnaire so this can be analysed more easily.
 Complete the following table to summarise the *quantitative* data that you have collected.

Participant	Family member	Friend	Young person
Age:			
Gender:			
How often they participate in sport or physical activity per week:			
How much they enjoy participating in sport and physical activity:			
How often they watch sport per week:			

Analysing data

- 1) Discuss whether age and gender had any influence on the results you got for trends observed throughout society?

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- 2) Using the *qualitative* data, describe any similarities or differences between your participants.

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Activity D – Health, fitness and well-being

During your GCSE course you may have already learnt that although health and fitness are related and can influence one another, they are not the same thing.

There are many health consequences that can arise from a sedentary lifestyle which are categorised as affecting either our physical, emotional or social health. In order to maintain good health, fitness and well-being, we are encouraged to exercise regularly and eat a healthy, balanced diet. One way in which health professionals such as doctors or sports scientists evaluate an athlete's health is by conducting questionnaires based on their athlete's lifestyle. This allows any poor habits to be identified and to provide the athlete an opportunity to improve their health, fitness and well-being.

Data collection

Design a questionnaire which asks participants to rate statements which can be related to fitness and well-being. The scores for each question will range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). One example has already been given.

Question	Participant A (Me)	Participant B
Q1. I regularly participate in physical activity or sport		
Q2.		
Q3.		
Q4.		
Q5.		
Q6.		
Q7.		
Q8.		

Complete this yourself and then rate the statements for three peers in your class.

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Presenting data

There may be a lot of information from this questionnaire to present as one graph, so we will want to identify the mean scores for each question.

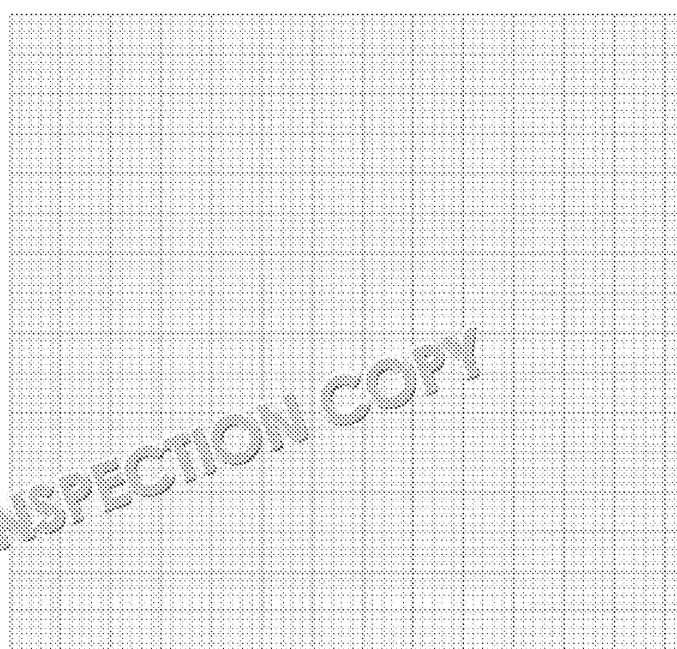
Simply add together the scores for each question and divide by four (the number of participants). Present the mean to two decimal places.

Question	Mean
Q1.	
Q2.	
Q3.	
Q4.	
Q5.	
Q6.	
Q7.	
Q8.	

Now consider how you will present this data below – bar chart or line graph.

Remember:

- **Identify the variables** – questions and score.
- **Draw and label the axes** – the independent variable always goes on the x-axis, the dependent variable goes on the y-axis (vertical line). Give the axes titles.
- **Determine the scale** – scores range from 1–5, but the means will now present to two decimal places.
- **Plot the data carefully**
- **Include a title** – make this descriptive



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Answer Section

Quantitative and qualitative data

Activity 1

- QT
- QL
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Activity 2

- Reliability
 - Each student will give different results each time, depending on how quick they are to react to the stimulus, therefore, reaction time comes into play. The data will not be consistent and is therefore not reliable.

Activity 3

See Activity A–E answers (dependent on which activity was chosen)

Extension activity

Answers will vary depending on the sport/activity chosen to watch, but they should include quantitative data measurements, e.g. goals scored, number of tackles, number of fouls, number of data measurement, e.g. how different individuals react to being fouled. It is likely that the most accurate measurement will involve objective data.

Exam-style question

- 1 × AO1
C. Survey
- 1 × AO1
Qualitative data is data that deals with descriptions, and often thoughts and feelings, and is a subjective answer.
- 3 × AO1

Any 3 marks from:

- Can establish baseline levels of agility
- Can help identify strengths/weaknesses in agility
- Can allow athlete to compare against normative data
- Can establish intensity of training, dependent on level of fitness
- *Accept other suitable examples*



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Presenting data

Activity 1

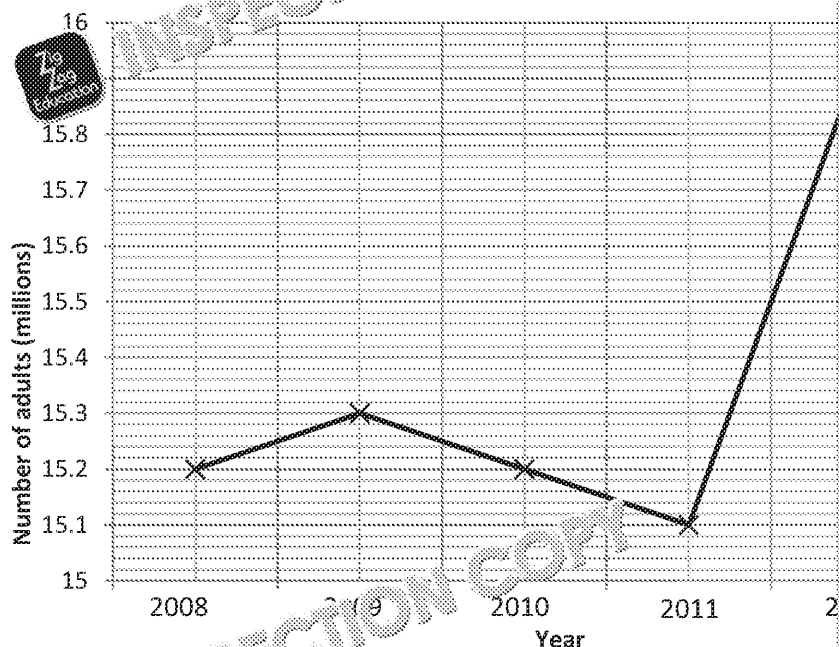
- i) Bar chart
- ii) Reliability
- iii) Measuring the distance in a smaller unit of measurement, e.g. centimetres

Activity 2

- Any from:
 - The bar chart does not have the independent variable (weeks) along the x-axis
 - The y-axis uses the wrong units (cm instead of inches)
 - The title does not state the fitness test being shown
- Any suitable description, e.g.
 - The x-axis should be the independent variable and display the three weeks (Week 1, Week 2, Week 3)
 - Above each of the weeks could then be a separate bar for each of the athletes displaying as Athlete A, Athlete B, Athlete C and Athlete D
 - Sit-and-reach test to be specified in the title
 - Correct units (cm) to be used on the y-axis

Activity 3

- i.)
 - Quantitative data can be easier to analyse and compare as the numbers are clear in graphs and charts
 - It is less open to interpretation and instead can be seen as more facts
- Line graph (accept bar chart)
- Number of adults (16+) who participate in sport at least once a week



Activity 4

See Activity 1. The x-axis should be the independent variable (weeks) (dependent on which activity was chosen)

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Extension activity

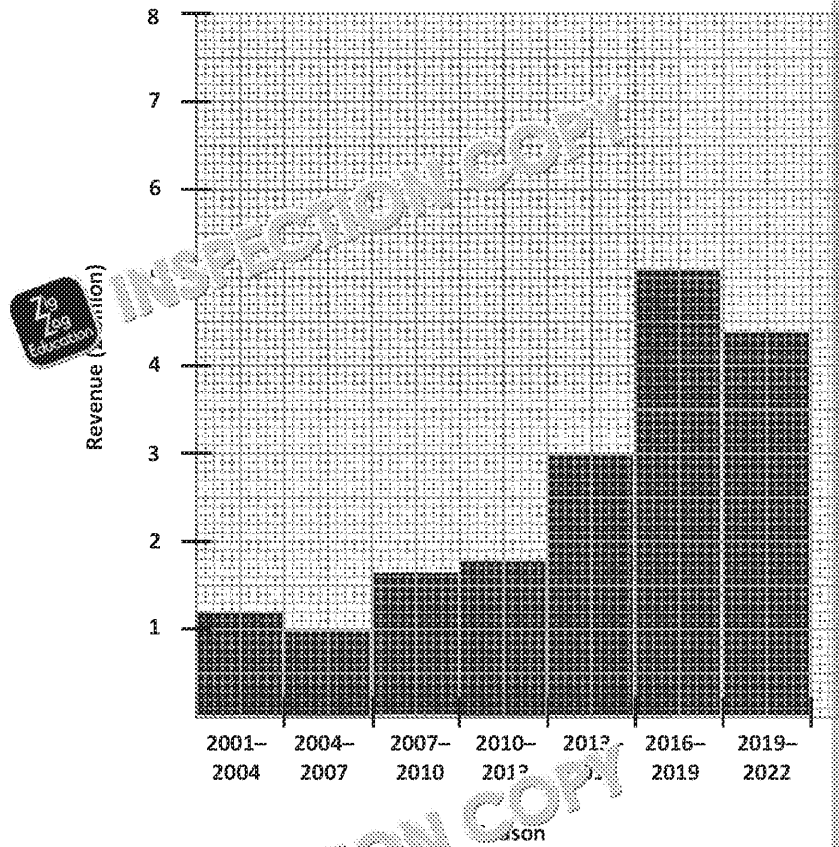
Answers may vary.

1. Opta currently covers 60+ sports.
2. Data is collected by a bespoke system to allow reliable and efficient data recording. Data experts, either in the field (e.g. stadiums) or by analysts in office space, record and then log in a database. This information is then presented in various formats.
3. Multiple formats are used for presenting data, depending on the sports, but commonly include spreadsheets, tables, bar charts.
4. The data is used by a range of individuals, including sports scientists working for clubs, and commentators, journalists, betting companies, sports books.

Practice questions

1. 2 marks
 - X-axis labelled correctly (Week) and y-axis labelled correctly (Jump result)
 - Points correctly plotted and joined up
2. 2 marks for:
 - X-axis labelled correctly (Season) and y-axis labelled correctly (Revenue)
 - Bars correctly plotted for each year period

A bar chart comparing revenue from domestic TV rights in the English Premier League over the last 21 years



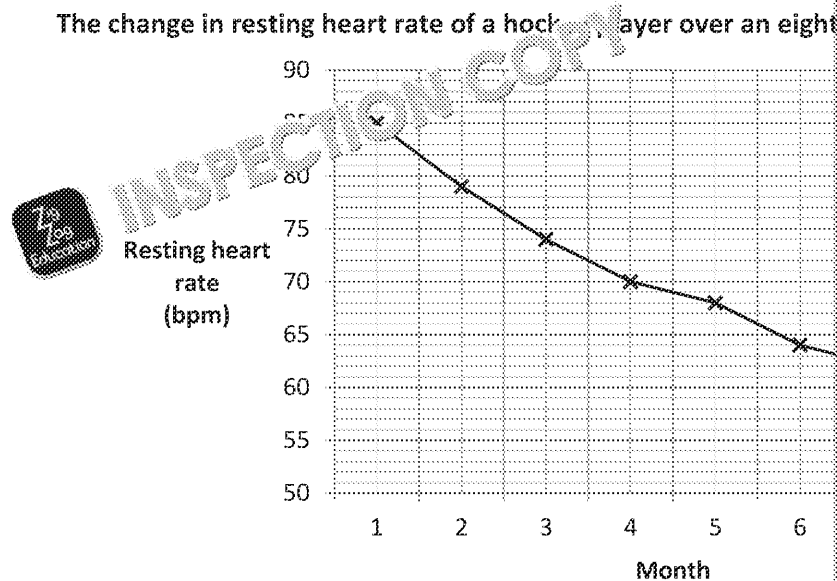
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Analysing and evaluating data

Activity 1

- i) Students to plot the data points on the graph and draw a line. They should label each axis.



- ii) Accept any from:
- The graph shows that as the months progress, the resting heart rate of the player decreases.
 - The graph shows that there is a gradual reduction across the eight months.
 - The player's resting heart rate reduces by 25 bpm, from 85 bpm in month 1 to 60 bpm in month 6.
 - The largest reduction in resting heart rate occurs between months 1 and 2.
- iii) Accept any from:
- Training has a positive impact on resting heart rate because as the training programme progresses, the resting heart rate of the athlete decreased.
 - The athlete's training programme has been successful in improving cardiovascular fitness, as the resting heart rate has had a long-term effect on the cardiovascular system.

Activity 2

1. Athlete 2
2. Any activity that has periods of increasing intensity (with potential rest periods) such as swimming, team sports, tennis (accept any suitable answer).
3. Heart rate increases proportionally with time, but this is unlikely to be steady throughout the duration of the activity.

Activity 3

- Title: Heart rate measurements of an athlete over a 40-minute exercise session
- X-axis: Time (min)
- Y-axis: Heart rate (bpm)

Annotations could include:

- (0–4 min) increase in heart rate due to warm-up / anticipatory rise / adrenaline
- (4–10 min) increase in heart rate due to increase in exercise intensity until steady state is reached
- (10–26 min) further increase in heart rate due to an increase in intensity, perhaps due to fatigue
- (26–40 min) heart rate plateau. Oxygen consumption matches demand by the muscles
- (40 min) the athlete's training stops
- (40–50 min) the athlete performs a cool-down, as shown by the start of the decrease in heart rate

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Exam-style questions

1. i) 2 × AO3
- Maximal heart rate – 145 bpm
 - Heart rate before exercise – 70 bpm
- ii) 1 × AO3
- Continuous training (accept fartlek training)
- iii) 2 × AO3 – 2 marks for:
- 0–4 min – increase in heart rate due to warm-up / increase in anticipated effort
 - 20 min – intensity of workout remains the same / no change in

Extension activity

See Activity A–E answers (dependent on which activity was chosen)

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Suggested Answers for Practical

Activity A – Effects of exercise on the body

Data collection

Students to collect both short-term and long-term data using questionnaire and

An example of a completed table with the following questions. Students are requested to

Statements in the questionnaire about the short-term effects of exercise could include

- My heart rate has drastically increased
- I am sweating more than I was at rest
- I feel very hot

Presenting data

An example of a completed data table.

Participant's name	Score		Total
	Question 1	Question 2	
Tony	4	4	8
Hamza	5	3	8
Emily	3	2	5
Mean	4	3	7

The graph should display a bar chart to show the relationship between short-term effects of exercise

- Y-axis to show scores (1-5) – this is the dependent variable.
- X-axis to show independent variable – the question. This may be listed as Question 1 (e.g. 'Feeling out of breath')
- Suitable title, e.g. 'Short-term effects of exercise experienced by participants'
- Student should accurately plot the results to display answers for each participant

Analysing data

Students should analyse the graph to determine the most experienced short-term effects are not experienced as much? They can then also begin to explain why they are likely to experience respiratory changes as you exercise, than how red your skin is

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Activity B – Components of fitness

Data collection

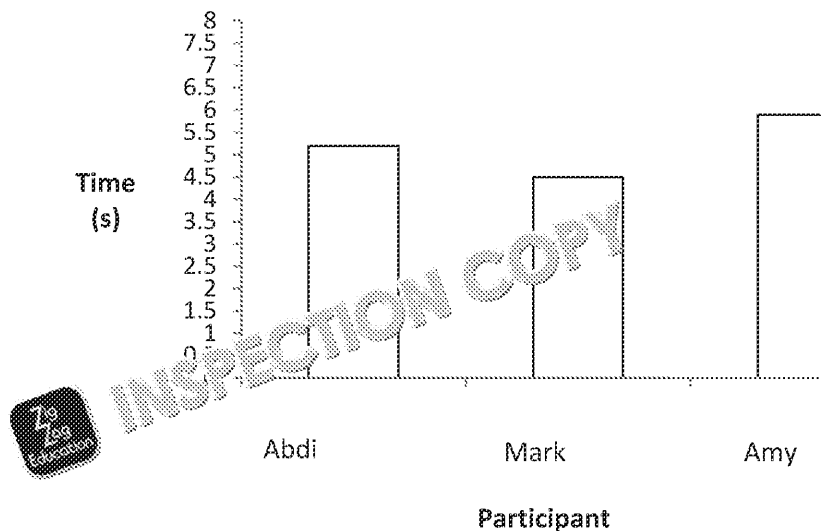
Students to collect data for a minimum of three peers. For example:

Name: Amir Age: 16

Station	Attempt		
	1	2	3
Sit-and-reach test (cm)	10	11	9
Grip strength dynamometer test (kg)	40	35	38
30 m sprint (s)	5.2	5.8	5.4
Sit-up test (number of sit-ups)	30	25	24

Presenting data

- 1) Quantitative data.
- 2) Qualitative data could have been collected using a questionnaire or an interview.
- 3) Example of a bar chart showing 30 m sprint times. Accept other suitable graphs of fitness.



Analysing data

Students to review the latest normative data for their age group to analyse one of the graphs created for against the normative data.

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Activity C – Engagement patterns

Data collection

Students to complete the questionnaire with each of the three individuals to allow them to answer the questions. They should consider adding further questions to the template. Students can also add their own questions if they wish.

Presenting data

An example of a completed data table for the questionnaire questions. Students should have their own data table.

Participant	How often they participate in sport or physical activity per week	How much they enjoy participating in sport or physical activity
Family member	2	6
Friend	5	8
Yourself	4	7
Mean (nearest whole number)	4	7

Analysing data

- Students' answers will vary, but they should consider the following:
 - Whether or not their results are similar to those seen in society
 - How factors such as age and gender influence results such as their favourite sport to participate in, etc.
- Did you observe similar or different results between your participants?
 - Use the most important few points from each participant to summarise the data.
 - Are your own results more similar to your family or friends? Do you think your own sport influences how often you participate in sport?

Activity D – Health, fitness and well-being

Data collection

Points to consider:

- Statements in the questionnaire could include the following:
 - I often eat at least five portions of fruit and vegetables per day
 - I enjoy being active
 - I don't watch a lot of TV in my spare time
 - I spend a lot of my free time outside

Presenting data

Students to present data showing mean scores for each question.

- A bar chart is the obvious choice for showing these scores.
- Y-axis to show scores (1–5) as this is the dependent variable. The scale here is for mean scores. It is also ideal if they identify a score of (5) as being strongly agree and a score of (1) as being strongly disagree.
- X-axis to show independent variable for the question. This may be listed as 'Often participate in physical activity or sport'.
- Suitable for the assessment on health, well-being and fitness of four individuals.
- Students should accurately plot the results to display answers for each of the questions.

Analysing data

Students should analyse their results for each question to determine how the class's health, fitness and well-being.

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