

Analyzing results of the experiment

1. Organize your observations:

✓ Make a table. ✓ Make a graph.



2. Review data (look with a critical eye):

- ✓ Is it complete, or did you forget something?
- ✓ Do you need to collect *more data*?
- ✓ Did you make any *mistakes*?
- ✓ Decide on the next actions to take (repeat? analyze?).

3. Analyze:

- ✓ If appropriate, *calculate an average* for the different trials of your experiment.
- ✓ Observe *trends* (increasing or decreasing numbers), outcome *frequency*, and note *correlations*.

Working with your data

Excellent way to <u>organize</u> your data: a table.

Table 1.
Water Temperatures at Various Depths

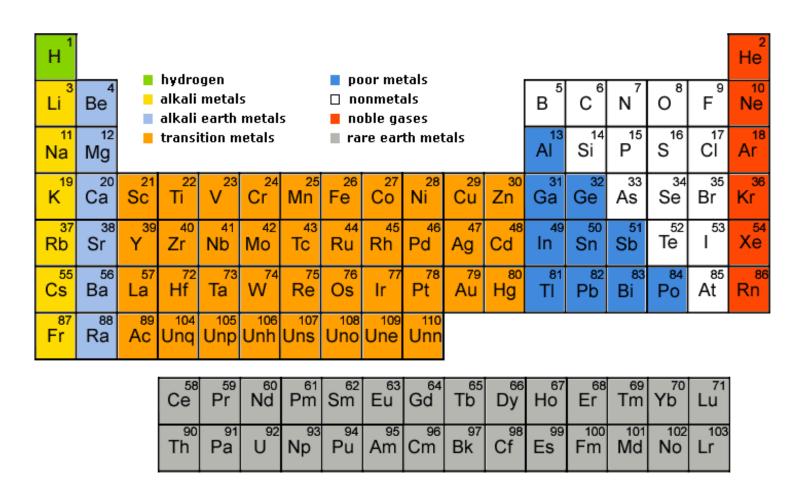
Water Depth (meters)	Temperature (°C)
50	18
75	15
100	12
150	5
200	4

Table 2.

Effect of Soil Temperature on the Germination Rate of Pumpkin Seeds

Soil Temperature	Germination Rate (%)			Average Germination
(°C)	X	X	X	Rate (%)
20	60	64	70	65
24	75	78	82	78
28	86	84	83	84
32	69	65	63	66

Famous Table: The Periodic Table of Elements



Dmitri Mendeleev, 1869, and Julius Lothar Meyer, 1870.

(And it all started...with just a short list!)

John Dalton

- 1803-1805: first list of relative atomic weights containing just 6 elements, namely hydrogen (conventionally assumed to weigh 1), oxygen, nitrogen, carbon, sulfur, and phosphorus.
- 1808: expanded list of elements



Dmitri Mendeleev

 1869: original periodic table of 66 elements ordered and grouped according to their atomic weight.

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                    Cu-63,4 Ag-108 Hg-200.
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                             5b=122 Bi=210?
              S-32 Se-79.4 Te-128?
Li = 7 Na = 23
              K=39 Rb=854 Cs=133
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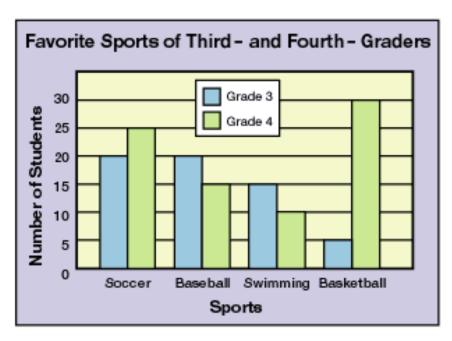
Working with your results

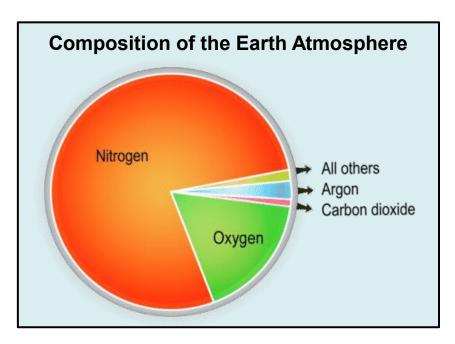
Excellent way to <u>display</u> your results: a graph.

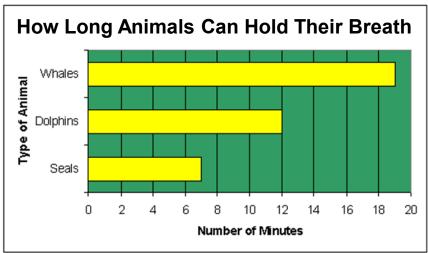


<u>Different types of graphs</u> are appropriate for <u>different experiments!</u>

Types of graphs

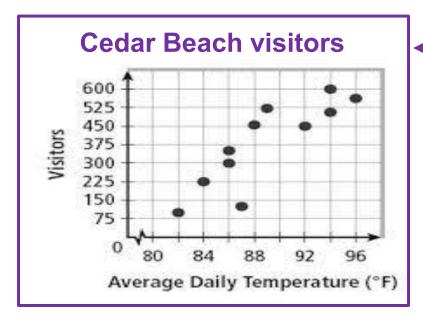


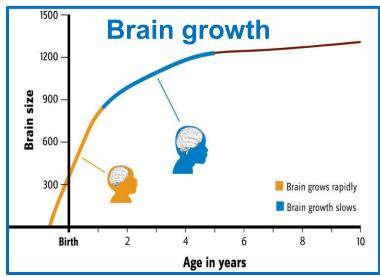




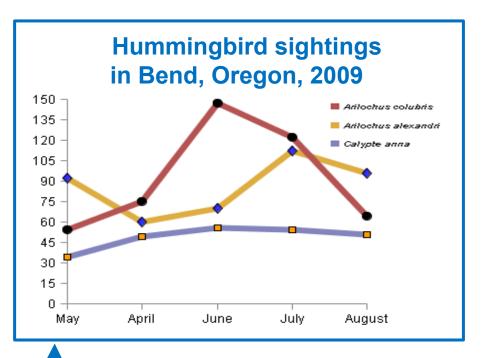
Bar graphs and circle graphs should be used to represent categorical data (comparison, sometimes called "side by side" data).

Types of graphs





 Scatter plots are used to show numerical data.



Line graphs should be used to show how data changes over time.

Be sure to make a good graph!

For any type of graph:

- ✓ Generally, you should place your independent variable on the x-axis of your graph and the dependent variable on the y-axis (bar graphs are often an exception).
- ✓ Make sure to clearly label all tables and graphs.
- ✓ Include the units of measurement (volts, inches, grams, etc.).
- ✓ Be sure to use proper scale.
- ✓ If you have more than one set of data, show each series in a different color or symbol and include a legend with clear labels.

