Topic: Summarising Data

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example		
1. Types of	Qualitative Data – non-numerical	Qualitative Data – eye colour,		
Data	data	gender etc.		
	Quantitative Data – numerical data			
		Continuous Data – weight, voltage		
	Continuous Data – data that can take	etc.		
	any numerical value within a given			
	range.	Discrete Data – number of children, shoe size etc.		
	Discrete Data – data that can take	Shoe size etc.		
	only specific values within a given range.			
2. Grouped	Data that has been bundled in to	Foot length, <i>l</i> , (cm)	Number of children	
Data	categories.	10 ≤ <i>l</i> < 12	5	
		$10 \leqslant l < 12$ $12 \leqslant l < 17$	53	
	Seen in grouped frequency tables,	12 21 4 17		
	histograms, cumulative frequency etc.			
3. Primary	Primary Data – collected yourself	Primary Data – da	,	
/Secondary	for a specific purpose.	student for their o	wn research	
Data		project.		
	Secondary Data – collected by	Secondary Data – Census data used		
	someone else for another purpose.	to analyse link between education		
		and earnings.		
4. Mean	Add up the values and divide by how	The mean of 3, 4,	7, 6, 0, 4, 6 is	
	many values there are.	3 + 4 + 7 + 6 + 0 + 4 + 6		
	,	$\frac{3}{7} = 5$		
5. Mean from	1. Find the midpoints (if necessary)	Height in cm Frequency $0 < h \le 10$ 8	Midpoint F × M 5 8×5=40	
a Table	2. Multiply Frequency by values or	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	20 10×20=200 35 6×35=210	
	midpoints	Total 24	Ignore! 450	
	 Add up these values Divide this total by the Total 	Estimated Mean		
	Frequency	height: $450 \div 24 =$		
		18.75cm		
	If grouped data is used, the answer			
	will be an estimate .			
6. Median	The middle value.	Find the median of	f: 4, 5, 2, 3, 6, 7,	
Value		6		
	Put the data in order and find the			
	middle one.	Ordered: 2, 3, 4, 5) , 6, 6, 7	
	If there are two middle values , find	Median = 5		
	the number half way between them by adding them together and dividing			
	by 2.			
7. Median from a Table	Use the formula $\frac{(n+1)}{2}$ to find the	If the total frequer	ncy is 15, the	
	2	median will be the		
	position of the median.			
	n is the total frequency.	8th position		



Most frequent/common.	Find the mode: 4, 5, 2, 3, 6, 4, 7, 8, 4	
Can have more than one mode (called		
bi-modal or multi-modal) or no mode (if	Mode = 4	
-	Find the range: 3, 31, 26, 102, 37,	
Smallest value	97.	
Range is a 'measure of spread'. The smaller the range the more <u>consistent</u> the data.	Range = 102-3 = 99	
A value that `lies outside' most of the	12 10 Outlier	
	8	
-	2	
	0 20 40 50 80 100	
Divides the bottom half of the data	Find the lower quartile of: 2, <u>3</u> , 4,	
into two halves .	5, 6, 6, 7	
(m + 1)	(7+4)	
$LQ = Q_1 = \frac{(h+1)}{4} th \text{ value}$	$Q_1 = \frac{(7+1)}{4} = 2nd$ value $\rightarrow 3$	
Divides the top half of the data into	Find the upper quartile of: 2, 3, 4,	
two halves.	5, 6, <u>6</u> , 7	
2(n+1)	2(7+1)	
$UQ = Q_3 = \frac{3(n+1)}{4}th \text{ value}$	$Q_3 = \frac{3(7+1)}{4} = 6th$ value $\rightarrow 6$	
The difference between the upper	Find the IQR of: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7	
quartile and lower quartile.		
	$IQR = Q_3 - Q_1 = 6 - 3 = 3$	
$IQK = Q_3 - Q_1$		
The smaller the interquartile range ,		
	Can have more than one mode (called bi-modal or multi-modal) or no mode (if all values appear once) Highest value subtract the Smallest value Range is a 'measure of spread'. The smaller the range the more <u>consistent</u> the data. A value that 'lies outside' most of the other values in a set of data. An outlier is much smaller or much larger than the other values in a set of data. Divides the bottom half of the data into two halves. $LQ = Q_1 = \frac{(n+1)}{4} th value$ Divides the top half of the data into two halves. $UQ = Q_3 = \frac{3(n+1)}{4} th value$	

