

Reading and interpreting bar charts

WHAT THIS LESSON TEACHES

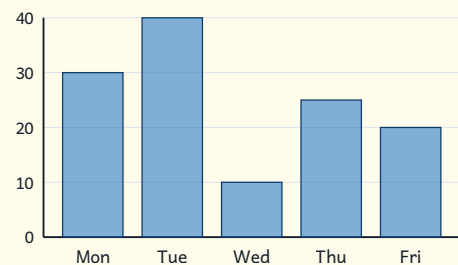
To read a bar chart, run your eye or finger from the very top of a bar straight across to the number scale. Where it lands is the exact value. If the top sits between two scale lines, count up from the lower line.

- A library-books bar whose top lines up with 8 means 8 books were borrowed.
- On a reading-minutes chart, the tallest bar is the day with the most reading.

MODEL THIS ON THE BOARD

READING A BAR BETWEEN TWO LINES

- 1 The chart shows minutes of reading. The scale is marked every 10: 0, 10, 20, 30, 40.
- 2 Thursday's bar sits between the 20 and 30 lines.
- 3 Count up from 20 to the top of the bar: Thursday had 25 minutes.



ANSWER KEY

Scaffold: visual check on the page

Q1: 40 minutes

Q2: 30 minutes

Q3: Monday

Q4: 5 minutes

Q5: 25

EXTENSION SHEET · STRETCH ANSWERS

S1: Pear (37)

S2: Apple (38)

S3: Orange (39)

S4: Orange (37)

S5: Pear (31)

Investigation: Sunny day, wet day — open-ended; scan pupils' working for valid solution paths rather than a single answer.