

Worksheet “How to read graphic information?”

In the handout you may use both theoretical information and a practical task for describing graphic information.

Table 1. Vocabulary for describing charts and graphs

Up Verbs	Down Verbs	Adjectives	Adverbs
grow	decline	steady	dramatically
increase	fall	constant	sharply
rise	back down	minimal	suddenly
peak	go down	huge	slowly

Introductory phrases

- Let me show you this bar graph...
- Let's turn to this diagram...
- I'd like you to look at this map...
- If you look at this graph, you will notice...
- Let's have a look at this pie chart...
- If you look at this line chart, you will understand...
- To illustrate my point, let's look at some charts...

Comparison phrases

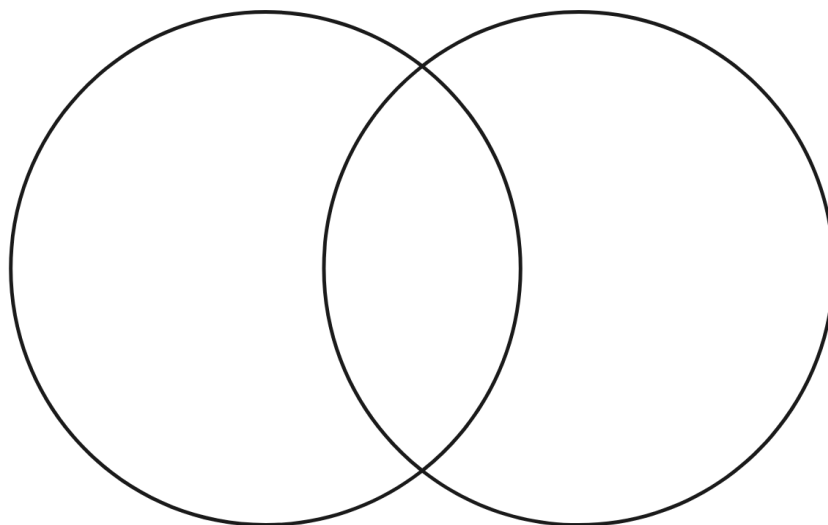
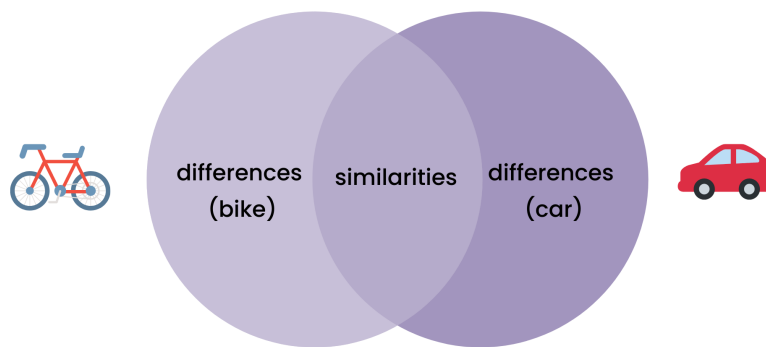
- to compare
- compared to
- as opposed to
- versus
- more than
- the majority of
- only a small minority
- greater than
- less than

How to describe diagrams and other visuals: naming the parts

To describe diagrams or any other type of graphs as clearly as possible, you should name each visual element. For example:

- The vertical axis shows...
- The horizontal axis represents...
- This curve illustrates...
- The solid line shows...
- The shaded area describes...
- This colored segment is for...
- The red bar...

Using the phrases describe the differences and the similarities that bikes and cars have. Include at least three points in each section.



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