Mathematics

## Interpreting Bar Charts

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## Try this

Jonah counted the number of people in each car passing his school over a 1 hour period. He puts his results in a bar chart. Complete the frequency table and state the mode and range.


Number of people in car

## Connect

Find the mean and median from the bar chart


Number of Frequency
people in car
$1 \quad 12$
2
14
3
7
4
5
5
2

## Independent task

Find the mean, range, mode and median from this bar chart. Put the data into a frequency table first.


| Number of <br> children per <br> household | Number of <br> households <br> (Frequency) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 4 | $1 \times 4=4$ |
| 1 | 7 | $2 \times 7=14$ |
| 2 | 11 | $3 \times 11=33$ |
| 3 | 4 | $4 \times 4=16$ |
| 4 | 3 | $5 \times 3=15$ |
| 5 | 0 | $6 \times 0=0$ |
| 6 | 1 | $7 \times 1=7$ |
| 7 | 30 | 89 |

## Explore

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Answers

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## Connect

Find the mean and median from the bar chart


| Number of <br> people in car | Frequency | Number $x$ <br> frequency |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 12 | $1 \times 12=12$ |
| 2 | 14 | $2 \times 14=28$ |
| 3 | 7 | $3 \times 7=21$ |
| 4 | 5 | $4 \times 5=20$ |
| 5 | 2 | $5 \times 2=10$ |

Mean $=91 \div 40=2.275$
Median = 2

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| Number of children per household | Number of (Frequency) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4 | $1 \times 4=4$ |
| 2 | 7 | $2 \times 7=14$ |
| 3 | 11 | $3 \times 17=33$ |
| 4 | 4 | $4 \times 4=16$ |
| 5 | 3 | $5 \times 3=15$ |
| 6 | - | $6 \times 0=0$ |
| 7 | 1 | $7 \times 1=7$ |
|  | 30 | 89 |
| Mean $=89 \div 30=2.97$ |  |  |
| Range $=6$. Mode $=3$. |  |  |
| Median $=3$ |  |  |

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The bar chart below shows the number of bottles of water drunk by members of a swimming team per day. However, the scale on the frequency axis is missing! If you know that one of the frequencies is 12 , what could the others be?.


The scale on the $y$ axis depends on which frequency is 12 .

If 12 people drunk 2 bottles, then each gap is worth 3 bottles.

If 12 people drunk 4 bottles, then each gap is worth 6 bottles.
Number of Bottles

