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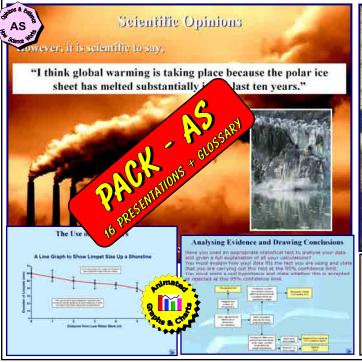


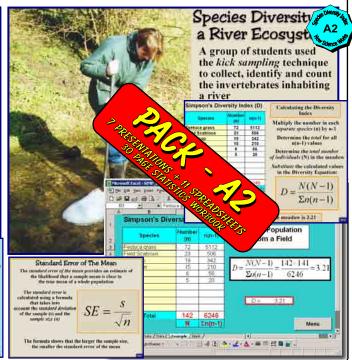
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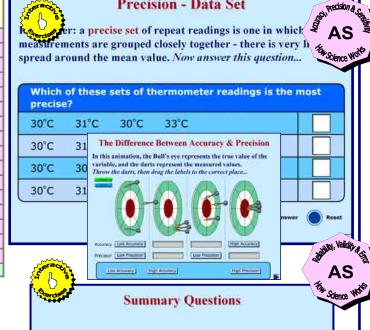


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16 PRESENTATIONS + GLOSSARY

PROVIDING PLENTY OF INTERACTIVITY AND FEEDBACK WHICH ACTIVELY ENGAGES STUDENTS IN THEIR OWN LEARNING

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Glossary (MS Word) - Colour & BW Versions supplied.				



If you were able to compare your results with others in your class and all of the results were very similar, this would make

Precision - Data Set

🙊 WORLD NEWS 🐣 AS Science Wor US Scientists Suggest Forests Act As Carbon 'Sink'

As growing concern exists amongst scientists around the world about global warming, scientists in the US have suggested that carbon dioxide levels may not rise as much

Types of Variety

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as predicted. They suggest that plant growth will increase, helping to maintain a balance of carbon dioxide levels

> From this information, form a hypothesis, prediction and investigation...

Simplifying Tables

When presenting the mean in your final results table, you may ant to modify your column headings.

your results:

more accurate

more precise

more reliable

more valid

nting Data in Tale Stience Work

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investigating how temperature affects the germination s, temperature is the independent variable and the nu erminated is the dependent variable.

pendent & Independent Variables - Example J



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The temperature is controlled in the experiment and the germination of the seeds is affected by the temperature.

0.0 0:0 1.8 1.0

2.5

or different symbols. Always include a key or a legend... A Line Graph to Show Transpiration and Water Absorption in Pelargoniu

ollowing table appears rather cluttered.

How could you simplify this

2.6

Simplifying Tables

This table contains the same data, but is less cluttered...

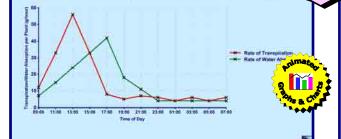
Experiment	Volume of Oxygen Prediced (user)					
Number	Routing I	Rosting 2	Booting A.	Assessed		
-1	8.0	1.8	6.6	18.8		
(8)	Le	3.0	1(1)	(8.8		
141	2.8	2.4	2.2	2.2		
(6)	2.6	(2.5)	24	78/50		
- 4	2.5	114	24.	2.6		

Identifying a Fair Test

r these investigations, identify the experiment which wout some

Which of the following this investigation?	experiments would make a fair te	st for
	10 seeds on compost	
	6 seeds on damp cotton wool	
	10 seeds on damp cotton wool	/
	10 seeds on dry cotton wool	

Correct! Click 'Next' to move on.



PACK - AS 16 PRESENTATIONS + GLOSSARY

PROVIDING CLEAR EXPLANATIONS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF DESIGNING AND CONDUCTING SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS

d Graph And What's Wrong with These Graphs? at the following graphs. Select the error that has been made the choices provided. Science Wor

Frequency Diagrams

quency diagram (or 'frequency chart') looks oar chart, but shows the frequency for ed data (discrete or continuous). quency diagram has no gaps between the

Sometimes a frequency diagram is mistakenly referred to as a histogram.

N.B. Many biological references still mistakenly use the terms histogram and frequency diagram as alternatives - which they are not,

For a Frequency Diagram...

Ape of Gaps

Science

HOE OF Graph

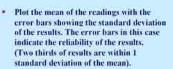
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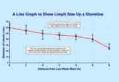
- A frequency diagram uses frequency on the y-axis. Frequency is simply indicated by the height on the vertical scale.
- b) The columns (and therefore the group intervals) must be of equal width.
- () There are no gaps between the bars.
- d) The x-axis is either a continuous scale or a sequence of consecutive intervals. Intervals should be written centrally under the columns

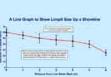
The Use of Error Bars

re are two main ways of showing error bars...

ot the mean of the readings with the error bars above and below showing the range of the results. The error bars in this case indicate the maximum and minimum readings.



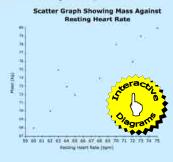




Line of Best Fit

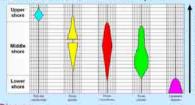
g the line of best fit to the most appropriate place on the graph. 'Check Answer' to show the best position for this line...





Kite Diagrams

A kite diagram is commonly used for coastal marine ecology. The data plotty of Gapt, is usually an abundance scale (1-5) or % any market of the cology. is usually an abundance scale (1-5) or % cover of a quadrat.

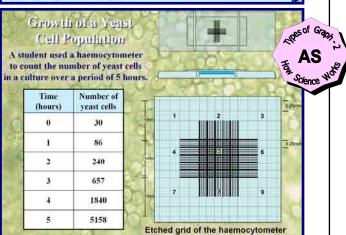


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SAL DATA & DISMINIST

For a Kite Diagram:

- a) The data is plotted on both sides of a median line thus kite diagrams always have a symmetrical aspect.
- b) The y-axis shows distance from a fixed reference such as low water mark.
- There can be gaps in the distribution of a species, e.g. this can be due to sandy outcrops amongst rocks as is the case for F, spiralis in the above chart. Therefore, care must be taken when interpreting kite diagrams - however



Line of Best Fit - Linear Regression

To find the precise line of best fit we can use a statistical proces calculate the equation for the line - this line is called the regre

Inverse Proportionality

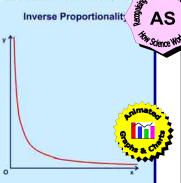
The magnitude of a such a curve's gradient always decreases as x increases.

A graph of inverse proportionality is a symmetric curve.

The equation between x and y is

where k is the constant of proportionality.

can be estimated from points of data and then used to predict other values.



PACK - A2

CLEARLY EXPLAINING THE PRINCIPLES OF STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY TOOLS

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Spearman Rank Correlation Coefficient

During an ecological survey of the distribution of invertebrates in a river ecosystem, students investigated the relationship between the *Biotic Index* and oxygen levels in the water; data was used to plot a scattergram and to calculate the value of the



Nominal or interval data

Continuously increasing or decreasing relationship reflected on a scattergram

Sample size of between 7 and 30 pairs of measurements





Organisms

Polycelis (flatworm)

Tubifex (worm)

Limnaea (snail)

Thyas (mite)

Erpobdella (leech)

nabolia (caddis larva)

Simulium (blackfly larva)

Chironomus (midge larva)

Ecdyonurus (mayfly nymph)

Independent Samples

A group of students investigated the shell heights of dog whelks a sheltered and rocky shore with a view to detecting any differen between them



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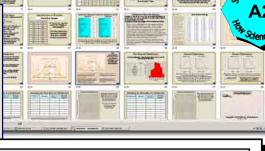
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- Samples are independent Normally distributed populations
- Sample size less than 30 values



How Science Works - Pack A2 Statistics Workbook

During an ecological survey of the distribution of invertebrates in a river ecosystem, students investigated the relationship between the *Biotic Index* and oxygen levels in the water. Data was used to plot a scattergram and to compute the value of the Spearman Rank Correlation Coefficient (r_s) .

River site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Oxygen % saturation	110	120	75	73	102	105	109	70	63	77
Biotic Index	9	8	6	5	7	7	8	4	3	6

Null Hypothesis: There is no relationship between river oxygen levels and the *Biotic Index*.

Alternative Hypothesis: There is a correlation between river oxygen levels and the Biotic index. cydistics Worker

- Plot a scattergram of oxygen % saturation against the Biotic Index.
- Manually calculate the value of the Spearman rank correlation co (r_s) and compare your value with that obtained from a stats pack
- Would you use the one-tailed or two-tailed test?

Explain the output of the test.

A2

 $\chi = \sum [((1-E)-0.5]^2$

30 pages Cara all State.



eaf lengths from

shaded site (cm)

Leaf lengths from

sunny site (cm)

The data obtained from the Laurel bush investigation is interval data

Interval Data

Interval data consists of accurate measurements with units

15.2

7.8 8.7 9.8 6.7 7.3

11.9 8.3

River Invertebrate Results

Site A

132

9

15

77

0

43

Phototaxis in Daphnia Daphnia Distribution Results Group

sunn Dark area Calculate the totals and complete the table below Use the χ^2 value and critical values table to determine χ^2_{con} at the 5% significance level for one degree of freedom 11.4 0 E (0-E) (0-E)-0.5 1(0-E)-0.5|1 1(0 Category

Chi-Squared; 2 x 2 contingency table (O-E)-0.51

(O - E) - 0.5| Square the corn Chi Squa

Snall Type

Sum together the values of [(O-E)-0.5P+E]

A characteristic of interval data is the interval property such that a let 8 cm is exactly twice that of a measurement of 4 cm; interval data interpret the findings numeric and all the rules of arithmetic can be applied to such data

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12.5 13.1 14.5

8.3

Use a statistic package to compare your values

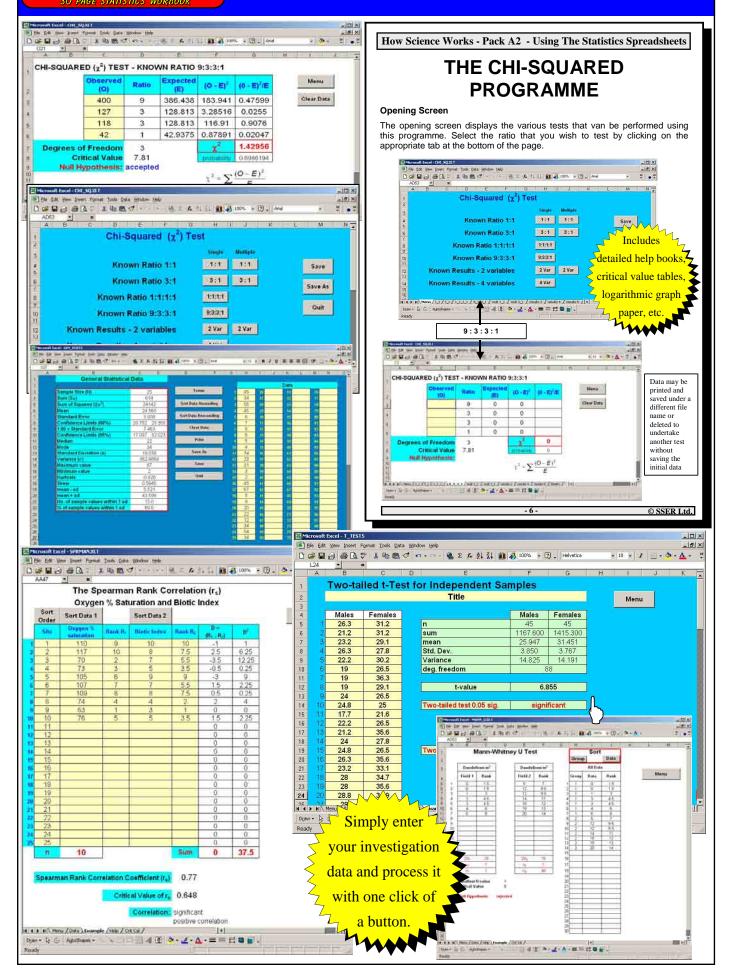
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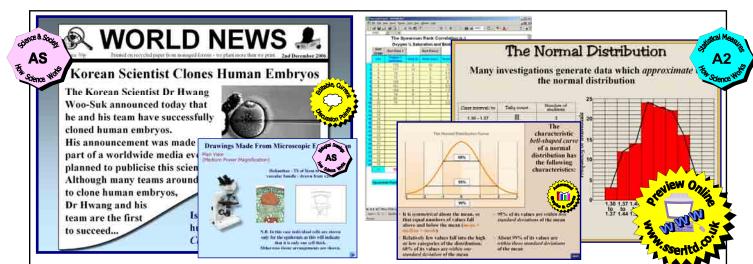
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