

Data Plot Detectives

Show numerical data in clear, useful ways.

GRADE 4 • MA.4.DP.1.1

MA.4.DP.1.1 "Collect and represent numerical data, including fractional values, using tables, stem-and-leaf plots or line plots."

NAME _____

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SHOW THE DATA

A frequency table shows each data value and how many times it appears. In a line plot, put the values in order on a number line and write one X above a value for each time it appears. Use equal spaces between values, including fractional values.

WORKED EXAMPLE

The lengths of four jumps, in feet, are $2\frac{1}{4}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{1}{4}$, and $2\frac{3}{4}$. Make a line plot.

1. List the values in order: $2\frac{1}{4}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{3}{4}$.
2. Count 2 jumps at $2\frac{1}{4}$.
3. Count 1 jump at $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 jump at $2\frac{3}{4}$.

Answer: $2\frac{1}{4}$ | XX $2\frac{1}{2}$ | X $2\frac{3}{4}$ | X

PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** A pet club records the number of fish in seven tanks: 4, 6, 5, 4, 7, 5, 4. Make a frequency table.

ANSWER _____

- 2** Make a line plot for these amounts of juice, in cups: $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$.

ANSWER _____

- 3** Use the line plot to find the total number of ribbons measured. Length in feet 1 | X 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ | XXX 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | XX

ANSWER _____

- 4** Make a stem-and-leaf plot for these numbers: 12, 14, 17, 14, 21, 23. Use the tens digit as the stem.

ANSWER _____

- 5** Write the data shown in this stem-and-leaf plot. Use the tens digit as the stem. Stem | Leaves 3 | 1 3 3 8 4 | 0 2

ANSWER _____

- 6** A weather station recorded these amounts of rain, in inches: $\frac{3}{4}$, 1, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$, 1, $\frac{3}{4}$. Make a frequency table.

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** At a reading challenge, seven students recorded the time they read one evening, in hours: $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$. Make a line plot. Then tell how many students read for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

- 2** Students measured the heights of garden plants, in centimeters: 12, 15, 12, 18, 21, 23, 25, 21. Make a stem-and-leaf plot using the tens digit as the stem. Which heights occurred twice?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

Nine students measured how many cups of birdseed they put outside: $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$. Make a frequency table and a line plot. Which amounts are tied for appearing most often?

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	A pet club records the number of fish in seven tanks: 4, 6, 5, 4, 7, 5, 4. Make a frequency table.	Number of fish Frequency 4 3 5 2 6 1 7 1
2	Make a line plot for these amounts of juice, in cups: $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$.	$\frac{1}{4}$ XX $\frac{1}{2}$ XX $\frac{3}{4}$ X
3	Use the line plot to find the total number of ribbons measured. Length in feet 1 X 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ XXX 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ XX	6 ribbons
4	Make a stem-and-leaf plot for these numbers: 12, 14, 17, 14, 21, 23. Use the tens digit as the stem.	Stem Leaves 1 2 4 4 7 2 1 3
5	Write the data shown in this stem-and-leaf plot. Use the tens digit as the stem. Stem Leaves 3 1 3 3 8 4 0 2	31, 33, 33, 38, 40, 42
6	A weather station recorded these amounts of rain, in inches: $\frac{3}{4}$, 1, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$, 1, $\frac{3}{4}$. Make a frequency table.	Rainfall Frequency $\frac{3}{4}$ 3 1 2 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ 1

PART 2 • APPLY IT

- $\frac{1}{4}$ | XX $\frac{1}{2}$ | XXX $\frac{3}{4}$ | X 1 | X 3 students read for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.** Place one X for each reading time. Count the three Xs above $\frac{1}{2}$.
- Stem | Leaves 1 | 2 2 5 8 2 | 1 1 3 5 12 cm and 21 cm occurred twice.** Sort the ones digits under stems 1 and 2. The leaves 2 under stem 1 and 1 under stem 2 each appear two times.

CHALLENGE

Frequency table: Birdseed | Frequency $\frac{1}{4}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 3 1 | 1 Line plot: $\frac{1}{4}$ | XXX $\frac{1}{2}$ | XX $\frac{3}{4}$ | XXX 1 | X $\frac{1}{4}$ cup and $\frac{3}{4}$ cup are tied for appearing most often.

Accept equivalent clear line plots with one X per data value and values in order. In stem-and-leaf plots, accept leaves in a different order only if every value is represented correctly.