

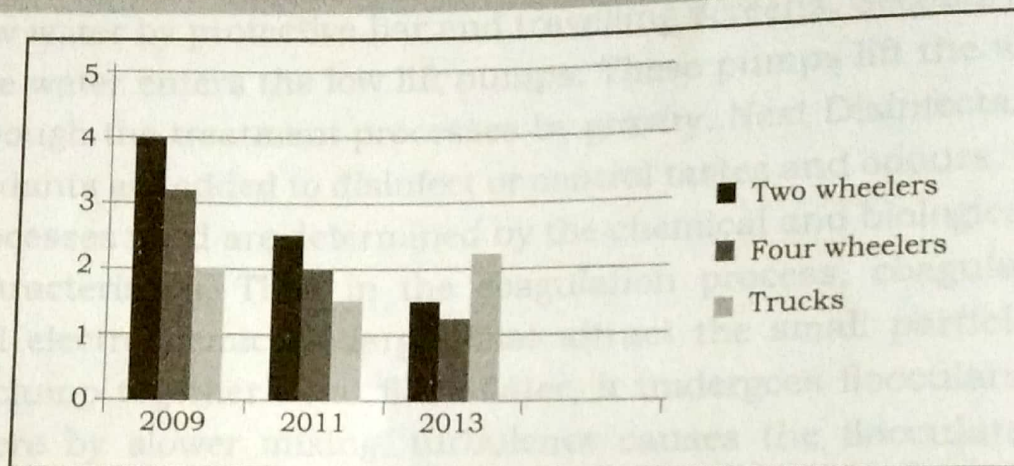
2. Describing a Bar Chart

A bar chart or a pie chart or a table has statistical information which is usually helpful for comparison and contrasting. Hence while describing these, words that show compare and contrast should be used. The words are

For comparison - Also, Moreover, In addition, Further, Similarly

For contrast - While, Whereas, But, However, Nevertheless, Though, Although, Even though, Compared to, Higher-Highest, Lower-lowest, Maximum, Minimum, Increased to, Decreased to.

Example: Bar chart on sales of Vehicles



EXPLANATION

Introduction: The given bar chart provides clear information on the sales figures in millions, of three types of vehicles - two wheelers, four wheelers and trucks spread over three years 2009, 2011 and 2013. Vehicles have become a necessity for people and their numbers are increasing day by day in alarming proportions. Every household has at least 1 or 2 vehicles.

Description: From the bar chart it is clear that the sales figures are not very encouraging with regard to all types of vehicles surveyed. Also it is seen that there is a reduction in sales for two wheelers. Similarly the sales of four wheelers have also dropped. In 2009 the sales of two wheelers was 4 million, while it was 3.25 million for four wheelers. Taking trucks into consideration, it was 2 million. But in 2011 the sales of all three vehicles witnessed a sharp decline to 2.5 million for two wheelers and 2 million for four wheelers. However it is seen that truck sales also decreased, but not drastically as in the other two cases- truck sales fell marginally to 1.25 million from 2 million. The year 2013 also showed a similar trend with regard to two and four wheelers. The sales reduced to 1.5 million for two wheelers and 1.25 million for four wheelers. The sales of trucks increased to 2 million from 1.25 million.

Even though the sales of these two vehicles decreased, there was a 1 million increase in sales of trucks from 1.25 to 2.25 million in 2013. Thus it is seen that the sales of two and four wheelers were maximum during 2009 and minimum in 2013. Whereas it is seen that for trucks the sales reduced in 2011 from the figures in 2009, but it picked up and ended at the maximum sales of 2.25 million.

Interpretation: The bar chart reveals the market trend in vehicle sales which shows a steady decline in sales of vehicles with the exception of trucks. This decline in fact shows the general trend in business and markets in these years due to the economic slowdown. Moreover, people are perhaps cautious about spending. Overall, the automobile market is quite sluggish.

EXERCISES

1. Study the following bar chart, which describes the age groups of victims of heart attacks in India. Write a paragraph presenting the information using expressions of comparison.

