INTERPRETING STATISTICAL AND CHANCE SITUATIONS — SET 4 — PAGE 1



Can **critique** other students statistical work and **evaluate** all components of the Statistical Enquiry Cycle within the student's work.

Typically, students will need to ask the following questions about another student's work:

Problem:

- •What was the problem?
- •Why was it a problem?

Conclusion:

- •What conclusions have been made?
- Could alternative conclusions be made?
- •What questions have not been asked?
- •Is the conclusion reasonable/ appropriate?

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- •Where has the data come from?
- How was the data collected and is the collection method suitable?
- •If it was not collected by the student, then is the original data still available?

Analysis:

- How has the data been represented?
- Is the graph(s) appropriate?
- •Would you get the same story with a different graph?
- •How was the centre described and was it appropriate?
- How was the spread described and was it appropriate?
- •Where there any unusual results that should have been identified?

Data:

- •What type of data is it?
- •If it was a sample was it:
- •Representative/biased?
- •Big enough?
- •Happening by chance?
- •Do we need more information?

Using these questions students are aiming for improving other students work and the teacher would be asking: "What feedback could we give to improve their investigation?"

The following methods need to be known:

- Table of Results
- Tally Chart
- Frequency Table
- Bar Chart Both Single and Double
- Pictograms
- Pie Charts

- Strip Graphs
- Dot Plots
- Stem and Leaf Including Back-to-Back
- Line Graphs
- Time Graphs
- Scatter Plots



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Can **critique** other students statistical work and **evaluate** all components of the Statistical Enquiry Cycle within the student's work.

Example Statistical Investigation for Critiquing - Jake's Canteen InvestigationEvaluations in Red (note this report has been created to be bad to include a lot of critiquing opportunities!)

Jake does not like the school Canteen as it is very busy so the queues are too long, and they do not sell the food he likes as they are too healthy. 20 students is too few and his class is a biased sample

No clear problem. He asks 20 students from his class the following questions:

Stated, but can

No clear problem stated, but can see why the investigation

was done

1. How many times have you bought things from the school canteen this week?

Would have been better to ask about queue times and when they went

2. How much have you spent at the canteen this week?

Question not linked directly to the purpose

3. If you had a choice of to buy a pie or a sandwich for lunch which would you prefer?

Assumes that "sandwich" is a healthy option

These are his results:

Student	Q1	Q2 (\$)	Q3
1	7	8.00	Pie
2	0	0.00	Sandwich
3	5	10.30	Pie
4	2	2.50	Sandwich
5	3	14.00	Pie
6	5	21.00	Pie
7	6	20.00	Pie
8	1	1.50	Sandwich
9	4	18.70	Pie
10	20	65.00	Pie
11	3	7.80	Sandwich
12	5	11.75	Pie
13	6	19.30	Pie
14	7	14.00	Sandwich
15	0	0.00	Sandwich
16	3	13.50	Sandwich
17	2	12.00	Pie
18	0	0.00	Pie
19	4	6.50	Sandwich
20	3	4.50	Pie
Total	86	250.35	

Quest.3	Nos	%
Pie	12	60
Sandwich	8	40

Calculations:

visit

The mean amount spent at the canteen per week = $$\frac{250.35}{86} = 2.90 Number of visits to the canteen in order is

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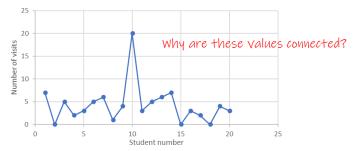
So the mean number of visits to the canteen in a week = 3.5

The average number of visits to the canteen in a week $=\frac{86}{20} = 4.3$

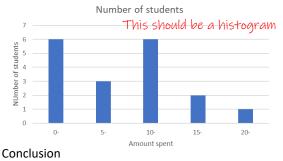
-Is this correct for a weekly visit, or is it a monthly total?

Question 1

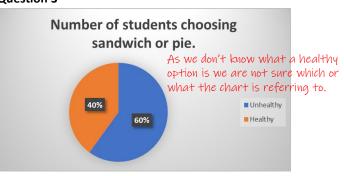
Number of visits to the canteen



Question 2



Question 3



From the above I can see that students would prefer to have unhealthy options in the canteen as 60% preferred to have a pie. If unhealthier options were increased, then the average amount spent in the canteen per week would increase and the average amount of times that people visited would increase and so the canteen would get more profit. No link between preference to pie (unhealthy option) and increase to money spent and times visited canteen



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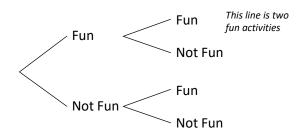
Can **critique** other student's ideas on chance and evaluate chance situations using experiments and simple models.

Example Investigation for Critiquing

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After school Jake has a choice of doing homework, chores, play with friends or watch TV. He has time to do two activities and he considers playing with friends and watching TV as fun activities. Jake wants to see how many school evenings he could expect to do two fun activities in a school term of 10 weeks (50 school days)

Jake thinks that he would expect to have a quarter of the time doing two fun activities and draws the following diagram to explain his reasoning.



I have called the activities "Fun" and "Not Fun" and have put the fun activities together and the not fun activities together. This shows that one line out of four have two "Fun" and so the chance of having two fun activities is $\frac{1}{4}$ and a quarter of 50 is 12.5 so I would expect to have 12-13 days of two fun activities.

Is he correct?

Olivia thinks that this is not correct and creates this experiment. She puts four coloured discs in the bag. Each disc represents an activity.

Red = Homework Green = Chores

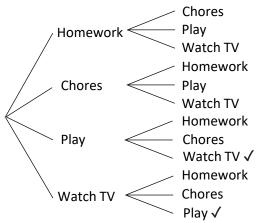
Yellow = Play with friends

Blue = Watch TV

She notes down her results and then puts the discs back and repeats this activity 50 times. Her results are shown to the right.

Colour of discs	Tally	Frequency
RED + GREEN	WII.	7
BLUE + GREEN	MMI	11
RED + BLUE	MII	8
BLUE + YELLOW	WII.	7
RED + YELLOW	KIII	9
GREEN + YELLOW	MII	8
	Total	50

These results are lower than what Jake would expect with his reasoning and so Olivia redraws his diagram without putting the activities together.



Reasoning We can see that there are only two lines out of twelve that give Jake 2 fun activities and so he should expect 8-9 evenings where he does two fun activities as $\frac{2}{12} \times 50 = 8.3333$

This is similar to Olivia's results she has gathered but she says that she would expect some variation between the predictions and the experiment especially as she only did the experiment 50 times.