Topic: Summarising Data

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Types of	Qualitative Data – non-numerical data	Qualitative Data – eye colour, gender
Data	Quantitative Data – numerical data	etc.
	Continuous Data – data that can take any numerical value within a given range.	Continuous Data – weight, voltage etc.
	Discrete Data – data that can take only	Discrete Data – number of children,
	specific values within a given range.	shoe size etc.
2. Grouped	Data that has been bundled in to	Foot length, <i>l</i> , (cm) Number of children
Data	categories.	$10 \leqslant l < 12 \qquad 5$
		$12 \leq l < 17 \qquad 53$
	Seen in grouped frequency tables,	12 < 1 < 17
	histograms, cumulative frequency etc.	
3. Primary	Primary Data – collected yourself for a	Primary Data – data collected by a
/Secondary Data	specific purpose.	student for their own research project.
	Secondary Data – collected by someone	Secondary Data – Census data used to
	else for another purpose.	analyse link between education and
4.25		earnings.
4. Mean	Add up the values and divide by how many values there are.	The mean of 3, 4, 7, 6, 0, 4, 6 is 3 + 4 + 7 + 6 + 0 + 4 + 6
		$\frac{1}{7} = 5$
5. Mean from a	1. Find the midpoints (if necessary)	Height in cm Frequency Midpoint F × M
Table	2. Multiply Frequency by values or	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $
	midpoints	$30 < h \le 40$ 6 35 $6 \times 35 = 210$ Total 24 Ignore! 450
	3. Add up these values	Estimated Mean
	4. Divide this total by the Total Frequency	height: $450 \div 24 =$
	If grouped date is used the ensurer will be	18.75cm
	If grouped data is used, the answer will be an estimate .	
6. Median	The middle value.	Find the median of: 4, 5, 2, 3, 6, 7, 6
Value		
	Put the data in order and find the middle	Ordered: 2, 3, 4, 5 , 6, 6, 7
	one.	
	If there are two middle values , find the	Median = 5
	number half way between them by adding	
7. Median	them together and dividing by 2.	If the total frequency is 15, the median
from a Table	Use the formula $\frac{(n+1)}{2}$ to find the position of	
	the median.	will be the $\left(\frac{15+1}{2}\right) = 8th$ position
	<i>n</i> is the total frequency.	
8. Mode /Modal Value	Most frequent/common.	Find the mode: 4, 5, 2, 3, 6, 4, 7, 8, 4
	Can have more than one mode (called bi-	Mode = 4
	modal or multi-modal) or no mode (if all	
	values appear once)	
9. Range	Highest value subtract the Smallest value	Find the range: 3, 31, 26, 102, 37, 97.
		Range = 102-3 = 99

	Range is a 'measure of spread'. The smaller	
	the range the more <u>consistent</u> the data.	
10. Outlier	A value that ' lies outside ' most of the other values in a set of data.	12 10 8 Vutlier
	An outlier is much smaller or much	6
	larger than the other values in a set of data.	
11. Lower	Divides the bottom half of the data into	Find the lower quartile of: 2, 3 , 4, 5, 6,
Quartile	two halves.	6, 7
	$LQ = Q_1 = \frac{(n+1)}{4} th$ value	$Q_1 = \frac{(7+1)}{4} = 2nd$ value $\rightarrow 3$
12. Lower	Divides the top half of the data into two	Find the upper quartile of: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
Quartile	halves.	<u>6</u> , 7
	$UQ = Q_3 = \frac{3(n+1)}{4} th \text{ value}$	$Q_3 = \frac{3(7+1)}{4} = 6th$ value $\rightarrow 6$
13.	The difference between the upper quartile	Find the IQR of: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7
Interquartile	and lower quartile.	100 - 0 - (2 - 2)
Range	$IQR = Q_3 - Q_1$	$IQR = Q_3 - Q_1 = 6 - 3 = 3$
	The smaller the interquartile range , the more consistent the data.	