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HI!! My name is EdWIN... I will be your guide through this course study. I met some of you in Locating Information Level 3. As before, look for me to pop up throughout your lessons to give you a helpful tip, suggestion, reminder, or a pop quiz question as we go along. Be sure to check your answers which are located at the end of the course. Now, before you newcomers go screaming from the room at the thought of a long, boring study course, let me assure you that together we can accomplish the objectives of this course without too much pain and suffering!! When we are finished, you will be able to confidently apply what you have learned here to your everyday workplace. Really, I promise!!

Some of this material is review from Level 3, so you might move through it very quickly. But take time to do all of the exercises. Practicing to locate information is why you are taking this course.

So, without further ado, let's begin... Are you ready? OK, turn the page.
LESSON 1 Developing an Appreciation of Graphics
LESSON 2 What Are Graphics and What Can They Do?
LESSON 3 Identifying Basic Formats of Graphics and Their Primary Purpose
LESSON 4 Extracting Data and Explaining the Significance
LESSON 5 Summarizing Trends and Comparing Main Points
LESSON 6 Drawing Conclusions from Two Similar Graphics
LESSON 7 Posttest/Summary


Locating information is an essential skill for success in many aspects of everyday life, and it is especially important in the workplace. In recent years, business and industry have become more reliant on graphics as a communication tool. Graphics can present a great deal of information in a succinct format, create visual impact, are easier to design, and save time for the reader. However, the benefits of graphic communications are not always realized because readers have not been trained in reading and applying information in a visual format. In the work environment, employees need to recognize different types of graphics and their purposes, understand the components of graphics and extract needed information, recognize comparisons and trends, and draw conclusions.

Let's look at an example of just what I mean. Suppose your boss at Whatchamacallit, Inc. asks you to create a bar graph comparing last year's sales of Wimydiddles with this year's sales. Could you do it? If so, can you see how much easier it would be to see the comparision in a graph rather than just reading the text? The visual aid would be much quicker, easier, and frankly, more interesting.

Whatchamacallit, Inc.


As you can see, Wimydiddle sales are booming. In 1996, Whatchamacallit, Inc. sold $\$ 1,000,000$ worth of product and in 1997 sales increased to $\$ 2,500,000$ !

How else might a graphic be used in everyday life? Imagine you are in a huge airport and you need to find a certain place most desperately. Say, well, the nearest comfort station... To make matters worse, all written directions are in Svengaliese which you don't happen to read or speak a word!! Thank goodness for that man in the turban with the map that uses international symbols! Thanks to him (and the fact that you can read a map and international symbols) disaster is averted!!


Often, information is communicated through a narrative form like the following information.

The Tennessee Volunteer football schedule is as follows: On August 30, Tennessee plays Texas Tech at Knoxville. The Volunteers play UCLA at Pasadena on September 6th. On September 20th, Tennessee travels to Gainesville to play Florida. The Volunteers next play against Mississippi in Knoxville on October 4th and Georgia on October 11th. The next game sees Tennessee in Birmingham on the 18th of October. On November 1st, South Carolina visits Knoxville. The following week, November 8th, Southern Miss comes to Knoxville. The Volunteers then travel to Little Rock to face Arkansas on the 15 th of November and on to Lexington on the 22nd of November to face-off against Kentucky. The Tennessee Volunteers' last regular season game is in Knoxville on November 29th against Vanderbilt. The SEC Championship game will be held on December 6th in Atlanta.

See how much easier the same information is communicated using a table!


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|  | August 30 | Texas Tech at Knoxville |
|  | September 6 | UCLA at Pasadena |
|  | September 20 | Florida at Gainesville |
| $\bigcirc \square$ | October 4 | Mississippi at Knoxville |
|  | October 11 | Georgia at Knoxville |
|  | October 18 | Alabama at Birmingham |
|  | November 1 | South Carolina at Knoxville |
|  | November 8 | Southern Miss at Knoxville |
|  | November 15 | Arkansas at Little Rock |
|  | November 22 | Kentucky at Lexington |
|  | November 29 | Vanderbilt at Knoxville |
|  | SEC Championship Game December 6 at Atlanta |  |

So, that's what this is all about - locating information using graphics. See how important this skill can be? I thought you would!

## EXERCISE - RECOGNIZING GRAPHICS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

1. Keep a list of every graphic you encounter in your workplace for one week.
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## WHAT ARE GRAPHICS AND WHAT CAN THEY DO?

What are graphics?


GRAPHICS ARE:

Simply put, a graphic is any visual means of communicating information contained within a document.

GRAPHICS CAN:

- Represent concrete or abstract ideas
- Be simple or complex
- Contain numerical or non-numerical information
- Be incorporated into text or can be used independently
- Condense multiple details into a more manageable and understandable form
- Allow readers to see relationships and comprehend patterns within data
- Clarify, explain, illustrate, simplify, compare, compile, and sort information

Example graphics


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| sunday | monday | Tuessay | wednesday | Thursday | Friday | saturday |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | ${ }^{6}$ |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 41 | 12 | 43 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 24 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 34 |  |  |  |
| numerical data |  |  |  |  |  |  |



Example graphics



## UNDERSTANDING GRAPHICS IN THE WORKPLACE

Check out these workplace graphics


In the workplace, information is frequently distributed through charts and graphs. A bar graph can easily illustrate if sales are increasing or decreasing.


The following pie graph shows that a little more than one half of Frosty Treats sales are in ice cream. (What a surprise!)


Being able to communicate information quickly and clearly is important to maintaining an efficient workplace. Since you are an important part of your workplace, it is important that you understand how graphics communicate.

Often diagrams are helpful to conduct tasks that you are assigned at work. Let's say your supervisor asked you to connect a new computer for the work room. You have never touched a computer in your life! Don't worry ... EdWIN is here along with a handy diagram to help you with this challenge.


I may not know what all of the symbols mean nor what the parts do, but I can look at the diagram and match the symbols to connect the different parts of the computer. I bet you could too! Study the diagram using the key.

Understanding why graphics are important is a step toward mastering Locating Information Level 4.

## LESSON 2

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## EXERCISE - DEFINING GRAPHICS

Instructions: Respond to the following statements.

1. In your own words, write the meaning of graphics.
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2. List five graphics used in your workplace and tell why you think they are useful.

## Type of Graphic

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Pop Quiz: Name three places graphics are found in everyday life.


Note: In a self-directed course like this one, it is important that you spend time reviewing answers to the exercises. If you were unable to answer some questions before looking up my responses, go back and try the questions again to see if you understood the answers when you read them. Repetition is one way you will learn to locate information.

## SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS TO EXERCISE

1. In your own words, write the meaning of graphics.

Answer: Graphics are a visual way to communicate information.
or
Answer: Graphics are pictures that organize information for the reader.
2. List five graphics used in your workplace and tell why you think they are useful.

Type of Graphic
Map/Floor Plan
Table/Schedules

Flowcharts

Table/Telephone Lists

Bar Graphs/Time Lines

Table/Time Sheet

## Why It's Useful

Emergency procedure for building evacuation
Allows everyone to see who is responsible for what and when to do what

Guide employees through processes so they know what steps to take and when to make decisions

A table of frequently used phone numbers saves time

Used to help employees pace workloads to meet deadlines

Used to document the number of hours worked (so you can get paid!) and management can monitor investment of time in products and projects

Standard forms enable departments to collect information needed to provide company benefits

Note: $\quad$ There are so many graphics used in the workplace I could never list all of the possible answers. But, hopefully you get the idea!

## IDENTIFYING BASIC FORMATS (OR TYPES) OF GRAPHICS AND THEIR PRIMARY PURPOSE

In this lesson, we will learn to recognize the formats and purpose of different types of graphics and how to read each type.

Tip: Study these basics.


## The basic types of graphics are:

- Tables
- Diagrams and Charts
- Graphs
- Maps and Floor Plans
- Forms
- Instruments and Dials

We will break down Lesson 4 into several parts for easier understanding. They will be as follows:

- Reading Maps, Charts, and Instruments
- Reading Graphs and Tables
- Reading Forms

Let's see how many graphics you can identify before we start... kind of a pretest to warm up.

## EXERCISE - IDENTIFYING GRAPHICS

Instructions: Write the format or type of graphic pictured.


b. Type or format

c. Type or format $\qquad$

| EFFECTS OF COLDS AND FLU |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Symptoms | Cold | Flu |
| Fever | Rare | Characteristic |
| Headache | Rare | 3-4 Days <br> Prominent |
| Aches \& Pains | Slight | Usual - Often severe |
| Fatigue | Quite Mild | Up to 2-3 weeks |
| Extreme Exhaustion | Never | Prominent |
| Stuffy Nose | Common | Sometimes |
| Sneezing | Common | Sometimes |
| Sore Throat | Common | Common - Can be severe |
| Chest Discomfort/ | Mild - Moderate | Source: FDA Consumer Vol. 30, No. 8 |
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d. Type or format $\qquad$

e. Type or format $\qquad$

f. Type or format $\qquad$

g. Type or format

h. Type or format $\qquad$

## ANSWERS TO EXERCISE


a. Type or format diagram

b. Type or format horizontal bar graph

c. Type or format form

| EFFECTS OF COLDS AND FLU |  |  |
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| Symptoms | Cold | Flu |
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d. Type or format table


## e. Type or format line graph


f. Type or format dials (instruments)

g. Type or format vertical bar graph

h. Type or format floor plan or layout

How did you do? Don't be discouraged if you did not recognize all of them. That's what you are going to learn in Lesson 3. Now, for those of you who "aced" the pretest, don't skip Lesson 3. There is a lot of useful information provided about the graphics you can already recognize. You should move through it quickly though.

## BASIC STRATEGIES FOR READING GRAPHICS

There are a number of basic steps you should take when you begin to use graphics to locate needed information. In other words, don't get the cart before the horse!! Always take just a few minutes to go through these steps. After you have worked with graphics for a little while, these steps will become second nature to you, and you will automatically do this without even thinking about it. Believe me, the minimal amount of time you spend on these steps will save you a lot of backtracking later in your work.

Tip: Don't skip these steps!


The basic steps for reading graphics are as follows:

1. Preview to determine format.
2. Read the title and subtitle of the graphic.
3. Read any labels, captions, or keys that are included.
4. Try to determine the purpose of the graphic.
5. If the graphic is integrated into text, read the text before and after the graphic.


## READING MAPS, CHARTS, AND INSTRUMENTS

## MAPS

Maps can be simple or complex and can contain many different symbols and icons. Most people have read a road map, or at least attempted to do so! They can get pretty confusing, especially if you are not familiar with the symbols. Most people, too, have drawn a simple map giving directions to their home or office. If you have done so, then you probably incorporated a few symbols into it, such as railroads, churches, or other landmarks to guide the reader.

A very important aspect to reading maps is understanding the key. This is a detailed chart showing what the symbols and icons mean. Pictures of churches, railroads, schools, etc., will be marked on the map along with road names and other important information to aid you. State highway symbols, interstate highways, streets, lanes, etc., will also have a specific icon or symbol. Colors are also used to designate types of roads and highways. Airports, state parks, campsites, roadside parks, rest areas, etc., will all have a specific icon. Mileage will be shown in scale, and the scale will be given. Remember, a scale is a representation of a larger measurement drawn to a smaller size, i.e., one inch equals one mile. Lakes and rivers will be marked, along with bridges. A direction indicator will also be included, usually in the upper right hand corner showing north, south, east, and west. In other words, just about everything on a map will be included with a corresponding symbol or icon. Always familiarize yourself with the key to these symbols before trying to read a map. This will undoubtedly avoid much confusion in trying to decipher it!

Once you have learned to read the map, then all you will have to worry about is being able to refold it!! Sorry, I can't help you there... you're on your own!!

Look at this example and pull out several bits of information from it. Locate any schools, airports, rivers, bridges, etc., that may be included. Make your way across the map using at least two different routes.
Example of a map:


Did you find the bridge? (Right-hand side $\longmapsto$ crossing the water)

You might want to grab a road map stuffed in the glove compartment of your car and examine it closely for more practice.

## READING MAPS, CHARTS, AND INSTRUMENTS

Floor plans are similar to maps, except that they usually will use abbreviations as well as symbols to illustrate scale drawings of room layouts. Most floor plans are relatively self-explanatory, but if they include a key giving you the abbreviations and symbols used, study it before examining the drawing. Layouts may or may not be to scale, but illustrate room arrangement.

Example of a layout:


## READING MAPS, CHARTS, AND INSTRUMENTS <br> BLUEPRINTS

Blueprints, on the other hand, can get very complicated and use icons, symbols, and abbreviations. If you have ever purchased a set of blueprints to give to a contractor for building a house, you know just how difficult they look. Plumbing, wiring, insulation, fixtures, electrical outlets, dimensions, and everything else the contractor needs to know are included in the drawings.

Example of a blueprint:


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## READING MAPS, CHARTS, AND INSTRUMENTS

## CHARTS

Flowcharts are representative drawings that show steps involved to reach a conclusion to a particular task. Different symbols indicate what to do. For instance, in the following flowchart a "rectangle" requires action while a "diamond" requires a decision. Notice how the arrows guide the flow of the process.

Example of a flowchart:


Charts also can represent a hierarchy and their relationship, such as an organizational chart of a business that begins with the president or CEO, and works its way through to upper, middle, and lower management and beyond.

## Example of an organizational chart:



## READING MAPS, CHARTS, AND INSTRUMENTS INSTRUMENTS

This is a graphic that you have used many times in everyday life. Every time you look at a clock, a bathroom scale, an oven setting, or a thermometer you have read this type of graphic.

All of the graphics you have studied so far have been in either a paper or computer format. Instrument gauges and dials also provide information, but the information is raw data presented in its original form. For example, when you step on a scale, the information you collect does not need to be sorted or analyzed. However, if you recorded your weight over a six month period and charted weight changes, then you have manipulated the raw data to locate specific information.

Pop Quiz: What is a flowchart?


Instrument gauges and dials are usually designed in two basic configurations: analog and digital. If your alarm clock has a dial and needles (or hands) that point to the time, then it is in an analog format. If it displays the time in numbers, then it is a digital clock. Both of these formats are common in the workplace. Reading the drawing of your clock may be easy, but have you ever tried to read the electric meter outside of your house? Wow, it's all Greek to me, but my electric company man comes to read it every month without any trouble. Why? Because he has had specific training to learn exactly how to read that instrument. If you work with instruments, you too will receive specific instruction on the types of instruments and dials you will need to know. Your job will be to know what information can be supplied by each gauge or dial and how to extract that information. Here are a couple of examples for you to look over.

Examples of dials and a gauge:


## READING GRAPHS AND TABLES

GRAPHS

Graphs can be represented in several ways. There are vertical bar graphs, horizontal bar graphs, pie graphs, and line graphs. Graphs organize a great deal of information by showing sets of information so you can see the relationship between the sets.

The steps for reading graphs are similar to the basic steps for reading all graphics in general with a few differences. Familiarize yourself with these steps as you would with the strategies for reading any graphic until these steps become automatic.

Tip: Don't skip the basics.


The basic steps for reading graphs are as follows:

1. Read the title or caption and identify the basic format (line graph, bar graph, etc.)
2. Study the labels and headings to determine the types of information being compared or contrasted.
3. Determine the units being used to compare the data, i.e. years, pounds, tons, units, etc.
4. Look for general trends or changes. For example, a line graph might indicate a steady drop or increase over a period of years.
5. If the graph is part of a document, read the text that comes before and after the graph.
6. Ask how the information from the graph relates to your particular job and how the information should be used by you or your co-workers.

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Study the following graphs. Note the labeling along the horizontal and vertical sides of the bar graph. These are referred to as the X and Y axes, respectively. The X and Y axes can be configured numerically, shown in text, or a combination of both. In this example the X axis is expressed by text (Inventory, Quality, and Service); the Y axis is configured numerically ( $50 \%$, $75 \%$, and $100 \%$ ), but it also uses text (Customer Satisfaction) to label the bar graph. Without reading the labels, you could not know what the bars represent.


The pie graph looks slightly different but it shows clearly the information represented. Notice that the pie graph equals $100 \%$. Pie graphs will always equal one whole. This graph illustrates the personnel at the Holding Company Bank.


More people work in computer services than any other department at this bank.

When examining graphs, always try to notice trends, changes, or patterns. Line graphs illustrate this clearly. Study this example for a clearer understanding of trends and patterns. Notice that the production of light bulbs on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday were lower than Tuesday and Thursday. Saturday and Sunday are typical minimal work force days, so let's exclude them from this observation. If you were to continue the line graph through the next few weeks, would the same trend appear? Maybe so, as some say that Tuesday and Thursday are the most productive days of the week... Tuesday, because everyone has had a chance to get past "blue" Monday, and then Thursday because everyone is anticipating the upcoming weekend. So you can see how graphs can show patterns and trends.

Example of a line graph:


Graphs can also appear in multiple configurations or be combined to show comparisons. Look at the following examples.


This bar graph clearly shows the comparison of sales between Baked Chips and Barbecue Chips. This same information could be provided in two bar graphs side by side. Which one is easier to compare sales, a or b?


## READING GRAPHS AND TABLES

## TABLES

Tables are used to show comparisons or how information is related. Tables organize information in rows and columns and are often used to condense large amounts of statistical data into a readable, manageable form. The rows in a table read horizontally across the page and the columns read vertically. Once again, we see the X and Y axes used. This is true of any table, regardless of what type of information it contains.

The columns will have headings above them and the rows will be labeled or numbered. Headings can be numeric or text also. To find specific information on the table, simply go to the first column . . . move across $\rightarrow$ the X axis until you find the heading or information that you are looking for, follow down that column . . . moving down $\downarrow$ the Y axis until you near the row of information you are trying to find. This is the tricky part! Identify the row heading you are interested in and follow across the row until you come to where the column and row meet. Did I make it clear at all? (Yeah, EdWIN, clear as mud!!) OK, OK, so we need a graphic here. Look at the next example to see what I mean.

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Try this: How many yards of carpet did Steven sell on June 29?

Find the heading of the column that is " 29 -Jun" then look for the row labeled 'Steven'.

TOP SALES ASSOCIATES

| Sales <br> Associate | 22-Jun | 23-Jun | 24-Jun | 25-Jun | 26-Jun | 29-Jun | 30-Jun | 1-Jul | 2-Jul | 3-Jul |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kelley | 640 yds | 589 yds | 662 yds | 462 yds | 813 yds | 743 yds | 593 yds | 375 yds | 777 yds | 514 yds |
| Josh | 480 yds | 525 yds | 476 yds | 688 yds | 630 yds | 599 yds | 401 yds | 445 yds | 487 yds | 586 yds |
| Samantha | 359 yds | 594 yds | 647 yds | 325 yds | 549 yds | 577 yds | 714 yds | 700 yds | 625 yds | 590 yds |
| Steven | 591 yds | 500 yds | 687 yds | 481 yds | 394 yds | 673 yds | 688 yds | 491 yds | 505 yds | 602 yds |
| Quincy | 667 yds | 591 yds | 626 yds | 590 yds | 525 yds | 624 yds | 300 yds | 369 yds | 529 yds | 400 yds |

Follow across that row and down the 29-Jun column until your lines meet. You should see that Steven sold 673 yds of carpet on June 29.

Did you see it? If not, try again.
Sometimes a straight edge is helpful in this process.

TOP SALES ASSOCIATES

| Sales <br> Associate | 22-Jun | 23-Jun | 24-Jun | 25-Jun | 26-Jun | 29-Jun | 30-Jun | 1-Jul | 2-Jul | 3-Jul |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
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Practice several times until you are comfortable with this procedure. I will tell you the Sales Associate and the date; see if you can find the number of yards that associate sold before you read the answer. The answers are upside down at the bottom of this page. Don't peek!

How many yards did Josh sell on June 25? $\qquad$
How many yards did Samantha sell on July 2? $\qquad$

How many yards did Quincy sell on July 1? $\qquad$
How many yards did Kelley sell on June 22? $\qquad$

TOP SALES ASSOCIATES

| Sales Associate | 22-Jun | 23-Jun | 24-Jun | 25-Jun | 26-Jun | 29-Jun | 30-Jun | 1-Jul | 2-Jul | 3-Jul |
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## READING FORMS

Forms are probably the most common type of graphic with which you are familiar. However, no matter how many times you may have filled out some particular type of form, it is not uncommon to find that you have inadvertently filled out something incorrectly. Don't you feel silly when you put your first name down out of habit and then you notice they wanted your last name in that space? How many times have you done this... come on now, admit it... you've done it, haven't you? Well, so have we all at one time or another, so don't feel too silly.

Forms are an important part of information gathering in almost every aspect of life. It is one of the best ways to gather specific information needed. For example, if you wanted to enroll in school, how would the administrators know your name, what courses you wanted to take, where to bill your tuition, etc., if they had no means of acquiring this specific information. What do they do? They give you a form to fill out, of course!

If your job was to take orders and compile the information to send to the procurement department, how would they know what you needed if you didn't fill out a form correctly? Look at the following examples. There are as many different types of forms as there is information to gather.


## Examples of forms:

| Application for Employment Just Down the Road College <br> Name: $\qquad$ | OFFICE USE ONLY |
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|  |  |
| Street Address |  |
| City _ State ___ ZIP Code | e |
| Home Telephone |  |
| Social Security No. $\square \square \square \square \square \square \square \square$ |  |
| Previous Employment: |  |
| Education: |  |
| Position applied for |  |
| What is your availability to work? $\square$ full-time $\quad \square$ part-time $\quad \square$ day shift | $\square$ night shift |
| Would you like to be considered for temporary employment? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No |  |
| Have you been employed by this company before? $\quad$ Yes $\quad \square$ No If so, give dates |  |




Look at the following form.


Looks simple, doesn't it? Sure, but what if you filled this out incorrectly? You would have one aggravated customer on your hands when he opens his order, mouth watering in anticipation of a plain taco, and instead he finds one with hot sauce $\&$ jalapeño peppers! And, he hates hot stuff! Oops, something went wrong! (You duck, as the taco comes sailing by your head!)

Most forms are pretty straight forward, albeit sometimes very long, so paying attention closely is your best defense against mistakes.

It's time to practice identifying basic formats of graphics and their primary purpose.


## EXERCISE - IDENTIFYING GRAPHICS

Instructions: Identify each type of graphic and describe its purpose.


1. Type
2. Purpose

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3. Type
4. Purpose

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5. Type
6. Purpose

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7. Type
8. Purpose


1. Type

Answer: map
2. Purpose

Answer: The purpose of the map is to describe a location in Centerville.

## LESSON 3

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## 3. Type

Answer: form
4. Purpose

Answer: The purpose of this form is to assist someone in taking messages.

5. Type

Answer: line graph
6. Purpose

Answer: The purpose is to show the number of light bulbs being produced each day during this week in February.


## 7. Type

Answer: digital dial

## 8. Purpose

Answer: The purpose is to display the time.
If you are having difficulty identifying graphics in these exercises, you may need to review Locating Information Level 3 or reread Lesson 3 before you move on.

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## EXTRACTING DATA AND EXPLAINING THE SIGNIFICANCE

In this lesson we will combine objectives four and five as they require the same skills to accomplish. You will learn by doing rather than reading. If you do not know an answer, turn to the page and look it up. Think about why that is the answer. Then try again with the next graphic.

Pop Quiz: A pie graph equals —— percent.


## LESSON 4

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## EXERCISE - EXTRACTING AND INSERTING DATA

Instructions: Answer the following questions using the graphic given.


1. According to the pie graph, what percentage of sales does yogurt represent?
2. According to the pie graph, what percentage of sales do drinks represent?
3. According to the pie graph, what percentage of sales does ice cream represent?
4. Your boss wants a breakdown of beverages. Ice tea sales make up $1 \%$, soft drinks make up $3 \%$, and other is $2 \%$. Using the previous graph to show the percentage of sales from Frosty Treats, include the beverage breakdown. (Remember, pie graphs always equal 100\%.)

5. What could be one purpose of this graph? Explain its significance.
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6. What were the profits of Sandy's Sunglasses in the year 1996
7. What were the profits of Sandy's Sunglasses in the year 1994 ?
8. What were the profits of Sandy's Sunglasses in the year 1992?
9. What is the significance of the 1992 figure?

10. What if the profits for 1994 were $\$ 4,200$, in 1995 they were $\$ 3,900$, and in 1996 they were $\$ 4,900$ ? How would you add this information to the graph? (Add information to the graph above.)

11. What is the weight of SherWIN after 6 weeks of dieting?
12. What is EdWIN's weight after 4 weeks at the Diet Club?
13. What does EdWINa weigh on week one?
14. What is the purpose of this graph?
15. We want to add Casey to this graph. He weighed 195 lb on week one, 190 lb on the 2nd week, 187 lb the 3 rd and 4th weeks, 185 by week 5, and 180 on week 6 . How would you add this to the graph?

Diet Club


## ANSWERS TO EXERCISE



1. According to the pie graph, what percentage of sales does yogurt represent?
Answer: $\quad$ The white area of the graph indicates 30\%.
2. According to the pie graph, what percentage of sales do drinks represent?
Answer: 6\%
3. According to the pie graph, what percentage of sales does ice cream represent?
Answer: 55\%
4. Your boss wants a breakdown of drinks. Ice tea sales make up 1\%, soft drinks make up $3 \%$, and other is $2 \%$. Using the previous graph to show the percentage of sales from Frosty Treats, include the beverage breakdown. (Remember, pie graphs always equal 100\%.)


Answer: 6\% of the pie represents drink sales. Subdivide this section by drink type using additional lines to indicate each portion.
5. What could be one purpose of this graph? Explain its significance.

Answers may vary.

- The purpose may be to identify what product could be eliminated from the menu in an effort to cut costs.
- It may be to determine if there is a problem with any of the products so that recipe changes could be made.
- Maybe someone is trying to determine the least-sold menu item so that marketing knows what to emphasize in the next ad campaign.


6. What were the profits of Sandy's Sunglasses in the year 1996 ?

Answer: approximately \$3,200
7. What were the profits of Sandy's Sunglasses in the year 1994 ?

Answer: \$1,500
8. What were the profits of Sandy's Sunglasses in the year 1992?

Answer: - $\$ 1,000$ no profit but a loss
9. What is the significance of the 1992 figure?

Answer: Sandy's Sunglasses lost money in 1992.

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10. What if the profits for 1994 were $\$ 4,200$, in 1995 they were $\$ 3,900$, and in 1996 they were $\$ 4,900$ ? How would you add this to the graph?

Diet Club

11. What is the weight of SherWIN after 6 weeks of dieting?

Answer: approximately 165 pounds
12. What is EdWIN's weight after 4 weeks at the Diet Club?

Answer: approximately 175 pounds
13. What does EdWINa weigh on week one?

Answer: 150 pounds
14. What is the purpose of this graph?

Answer: The purpose of the graph is to compare weight change of the dieters. EdWIN is not doing very well.
15. We want to add Casey to this graph. He weighed 195 lb on week one, 190 lb on the 2nd week, 187 lb the 3rd and 4th weeks, 185 by week 5, and 180 on week 6 . How would you add this to the graph?


## SUMMARIZING TRENDS AND COMPARING MAIN POINTS

We have already touched briefly upon these two objectives a little earlier, but now we will look into them more closely.

To summarize the main points of a graphic simply means to describe briefly the most important or main aspects that a graphic shows. Comparison is to note changes, trends, likes, and differences in the supplied data. Using the example, let's try to summarize and compare the data given in potato chip sales.

Potato Chip Sales at Corner Market


To summarize the graph, potato chip sales are good; an average of 550-650 bags of chips were sold every month for the last two years.

You might also notice that:


- Sales of Baked Chips have increased every year. This means you may need to anticipate stocking more product.
- Barbecue Chip sales are decreasing.

LESSON 5

## EXERCISE - SUMMARIZING GRAPHICS

Instructions: Summarize the following graphics after you review each one.


1. Summarize the main point of the graph.

2. Summarize the main point of the graph.

## ANSWERS TO EXERCISE



1. Summarize the main point of the graph.

Answer: The pie graph compares the different sources of cash gifts to the same organization.

## 2. Summarize the main point of the graph.



Answer: The bar graph compares the favorite foods of overweight people on a scale of 1 to 10.

## LESSON 6

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## DRAWING CONCLUSIONS FROM TWO SIMILAR GRAPHICS

Drawing a conclusion from two similar graphics is somewhat like comparison in that the point is to determine what the data means and what its significance is to the reader. This is a bit of an abstract idea, so let's look again at the two pie graphs comparing visual and verbal time alloted on soap operas.


Note that the two graphs are indicating visual time compared to verbal time, but they are supplying data from two different years.

What could you conclude from this graphic?
Soap opera viewers prefer watching over listening.
Producers of "soaps" think viewers prefer less talk and more action.

## EXERCISE - DRAWING CONCLUSIONS FROM TWO SIMILAR GRAPHICS

Instructions Study the graphics and answer the questions that follow.


1. According to the two graphics, if a person eats a bagel at a typical restaurant, how many more servings of breads, grains and cereals does he need for the day?
2. Using maximum official 'one serving' portions, if a person orders a 12 oz steak, how many servings of meat/alternatives does he or she require?
a.

| Grams of Fat Allowed Per Day |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Your Daily Calorie Intake | 15\% | 20\% | 25\% | 30\% |
| 1200 | 20 | 27 | 33 | 40 |
| 1300 | 22 | 29 | 36 | 43 |
| 1400 | 23 | 31 | 39 | 47 |
| 1500* | 25 | 33 | 42 | 50 |
| 1600 | 26 | 36 | 44 | 63 |
| 1700 | 28 | 38 | 47 | 57 |
| 1800 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 |
| 1900 | 31 | 42 | 53 | 63 |
| 2000 | 33 | 44 | 56 | 67 |
| 2100 | 35 | 47 | 58 | 70 |
| 2200** | 36 | 49 | 61 | 73 |
| 2300 | 38 | 51 | 64 | 77 |
| 2400 | 40 | 53 | 67 | 80 |
| 2500 | 41 | 56 | 69 | 83 |
| 2600 | 43 | 58 | 73 | 87 |
| 2700 | 45 | 60 | 75 | 90 |
| 2800 | 46 | 62 | 77 | 93 |
| 2900 | 48 | 64 | 80 | 96 |
| 3000 | 50 | 68 | 83 | 100 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

b.

| McDONALD'S MENU |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Calories | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Fat } \\ \text { (Grams) } \end{array}$ |
| Burgers/Sandwiches |  |  |
| Hamburger | 255 | 9 |
| Cheeseburger | 305 | 13 |
| Quarter Pounder | 410 | 20 |
| Quarter Pounder with Cheese | 510 | 28 |
| Big Mac | 500 | 26 |
| Fillet-O-Fish | 370 | 18 |
| McGrilled Chicken |  |  |
| Sandwich | 400 | 12 |
| McChicken Sandwich | 470 | 25 |
| Chicken Fajita | 190 | 8 |
| Fries |  |  |
| Small | 220 | 12 |
| Medium | 320 | 17 |
| Large | 400 | 22 |
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To determine about how many calories you need a day to maintain your weight, multiply your desired weight by 11 if you are sedentary, by 13 if you are moderately active, or by 15 if you are active.
Example: desired weight of 150 pounds $\times 11=1,650$ calories needed a day
To determine how many grams of fat you need a day, see the accompanying chart. You will need to decide if you want $15 \%, 20 \%, 25 \%$, or $30 \%$ of your daily calories to come from fat - the lower the better.

## 3. If my ideal weight is 160 lb and I am moderately active, what is my recommended daily calorie intake?

## 4. If I can choose to limit my daily calories from fat to $15 \%$, how many grams of fat am I allowed for a 2,080 calorie diet?

5. Use the information in figures $a$ and $b$ to calculate your recommended daily calorie intake.
ideal weight $\times$ lifestyle \# = calories
$\qquad$ $\times$ $\qquad$ = $\qquad$
6. If I eat a McDonald's Quarter Pounder with Cheese and large fries, how many calories have I consumed?
7. How many grams of fat have I consumed?
8. Prior to my McDonald's meal, I had consumed 590 calories, but no fat grams (if that is possible!). What percentage of my diet was consumed through fat grams after the McDonald's meal?

## ANSWERS TO EXERCISE



|  | OFFICIAL 'ONE SERVING' | TYPICAL RESTAURANT SERVING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bagel | 2 oz | $40 z$ |
| Cinnamon roll | 2 oz | 8 oz |
| Chips | 1 oz | 2.5 oz |
| Cookies | 1 oz (small) | 2 oz (jumbo) |
| French fries | 3 oz | 6 oz |
| Ice cream | 1 scoop | 2 scoops |
| Meat | 2 to 3 oz | 4 to 20 oz |
| Milkshake | 8 oz | 20 oz |
| Muffins | 2 oz | 4 to 6 oz |
| Pancakes | 2 to 3 medium | 2 to 4 large |
| Pizza | 1 or 2 slices | 5 slices of medium pie |
| Popcorn | 2 to 3 cups | 7 to 16 cups |
| Salad dressing | 2 Tbsp | 4 Tbsp |
| Soft drink | 8 oz | 12 to 64 oz |
| Pasta with tomato sauce | . 5 to 1 cup | 3.5 cups |

1. According to the two graphics, if a person eats a bagel at a typical restaurant, how many more servings of breads, grains and cereals does he need for the day?
Answer: The first row of the table says a restaurant serving is twice the size of one official serving. The pyramid indicates 6 or more breads, grains, and cereals are recommended per day. So, after the bagel, 4 or more bread group foods are suggested.
2. Using maximum official 'one serving' portions, if a person orders a 12 oz steak, how many servings of meat/alternatives does he or she require?
Answer: A 3 oz maximum official serving means a 12 oz steak provides 4 servings (12 $\div 3=4)$. The food guide suggests 2 to 3 meat servings a day. This person is going to gain weight unless he or she is exercising regularly!
a.

| Grams of Fat Allowed Per Day |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Your Daily Calorie Intake | 15\% | 20\% | 25\% | 30\% |
| 1200 | 20 | 27 | 33 | 40 |
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| 2400 | 40 | 53 | 67 | 80 |
| 2500 | 41 | 56 | 69 | 83 |
| 2600 | 43 | 58 | 73 | 87 |
| 2700 | 45 | 60 | 75 | 90 |
| 2800 | 46 | 62 | 77 | 93 |
| 2900 | 48 | 64 | 80 | 96 |
| 3000 | 50 | 68 | 83 | 100 |
| Your personal fat budget: Grams per day. <br> *average woman ( $5^{\prime} 4^{\prime \prime}$ ) **average man ( $5^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$ ) |  |  |  |  |

b.

| McDONALD'S MENU |  |  |
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|  |  |  |
| Burgers/Sandwiches |  |  |
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| Fillet-O-Fish |  |  |
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To determine about how many calories you need a day to maintain your weight, multiply your desired weight by 11 if you are sedentary, by 13 if you are moderately active, or by 15 if you are active.

Example: desired weight of 150 pounds $\times 11=1,650$ calories needed a day
To determine how many grams of fat you need a day, see the accompanying chart. You will need to decide if you want $15 \%, 20 \%, 25 \%$, or $30 \%$ of your daily calories to come from fat - the lower the better.
3. If my ideal weight is 160 lb and I am moderately active, what is my recommended daily calorie intake?
Answer: $160 \times 13=2,080$
4. If I can choose to limit my daily calories from fat to $15 \%$, how many grams of fat am I allowed for a 2,080 calorie diet?
Answer: Estimate 2,080 calories at 2,100 daily calorie intake. At 15\%, 35 grams of fat would be allowed.
5. Use the information in figures $a$ and $b$ to calculate your recommended daily calorie intake.
Answer: Your ideal weight $\times$ lifestyle(11,13, or 15) $=$ calories
$\qquad$ $\times$ $\qquad$ $=$ $\qquad$
Calculate your own recommendation.
6. If I eat a McDonald's Quarter Pounder with Cheese and large fries, how many calories have I consumed?
Answer: 910 calories
7. How many grams of fat have I consumed?

Answer: 50 grams of fat
8. Prior to my McDonald's meal, I had consumed 590 calories, but no fat grams (if that is possible!). What percentage of my diet was consumed through fat grams after the McDonald's meal?
Answer: The McDonald's meal contained 50 fat grams. A 1500 calorie diet with 50 fat grams indicates $30 \%$ of the diet came from fat.

Well, you have now completed this level of Locating Information. Congratulations!! See I told you it wasn't going to be a terrible chore. Now, if you feel confident enough, complete the Posttest. If you still feel a little doubtful, go back and review the information in Level 3. Take the Posttest until you make a good score. Personally, I think $95 \%$ is pretty good, but why not go for $100 \%$ ? Good luck... I know you can do it.

Answers for the Posttest questions are provided at the end of the workbook... but don't peek! Your score will not be accurate and it will not reflect whether or not you have learned the information in this course thoroughly!!
Don't peek at the answers.


## EXERCISE - POSTTEST

Instructions: Answer the following questions.

1. Define the term "graphics."
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$\qquad$
2. What type of graphic would you use to chart the pattern of change in weight data over a period of time?
3. Look at the following graphic and identify its specific type. (Is it a chart, table, map, diagram, line graph, etc.?)

Potato Chip Sales at Corner Market

4. Look at the following graphic and identify its specific type.

5. Look at the following graphic and identify its specific type.


6. Look at the following graphic and identify its specific type.

7. Look at the following graphic and identify its specific type.

| Application for Employment <br> Just Down the Road College | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OFFICE USE ONLY } \\ & \square 11 \square \square\|\square\| \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Name: |  |
| Street Address |  |
| City | ZIP Code |
| Home Telephone $\qquad$ Work Telephone $\qquad$ |  |
|  |  |
| Previous Employment: |  |
| Education: |  |
| Position applied for |  |
| What is your availability to work? $\quad \square$ full-time $\quad \square$ part-time $\quad \square$ day shift | $\square$ nigh shift |
| Would you like to be considered for temporary employment? $\square$ Yes $\quad \square$ No |  |
| Have you been employed by this company before? $\quad \square$ Yes $\quad \square$ No If so, give dates | - |

8. Define key as used in reference to graphics.
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$\qquad$
$\qquad$
9. Define a scale used on a map.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
10. What are the basic steps that you should take every time you read a graphic?
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$\qquad$
11. What is the purpose of a flowchart?
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$\qquad$
$\qquad$
12. Instruments and dials provide raw data in its original form. True or False?
13. Name the two types of readouts for instruments and dials.
14. Pie graphs can represent more or less than $100 \%$. True or False?

## Using the following table, answer the questions.

TOP SALES ASSOCIATES

| Sales <br> Associate | 22-Jun | 23-Jun | 24-Jun | 25-Jun | 26-Jun | 29-Jun | 30-Jun | 1-Jul | 2-Jul | 3-Jul |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kelley | 640 yds | 589 yds | 662 yds | 462 yds | 813 yds | 743 yds | 593 yds | 375 yds | 777 yds | 514 yds |
| Josh | 480 yds | 525 yds | 476 yds | 688 yds | 630 yds | 599 yds | 401 yds | 445 yds | 487 yds | 586 yds |
| Samantha | 359 yds | 594 yds | 647 yds | 325 yds | 549 yds | 577 yds | 714 yds | 700 yds | 625 yds | 590 yds |
| Steven | 591 yds | 500 yds | 687 yds | 481 yds | 394 yds | 673 yds | 688 yds | 491 yds | 505 yds | 602 yds |
| Quincy | 667 yds | 591 yds | 626 yds | 590 yds | 525 yds | 624 yds | 300 yds | 369 yds | 529 yds | 400 yds |

15. How many yards of carpet did Samantha sell on July 3 ?
16. How many yards of carpet did Josh sell on June $29 ?$
17. How many yards of carpet did Quincy sell on June 22?
18. How many yards of carpet did Kelley sell on June 24 ?

Look at the sample floor plan and answer the following questions.

19. How many receptacles are there in this plan?
20. What does the triangle represent?
21. How many lights are there?
22. What are the scale dimensions for this space?
23. Name four uses of forms.

You're almost to the finish line!



Use the following graphic to answer the questions.

24. What type of format does this instrument use?
25. How many scales and pointers does this gauge have?
26. What do they represent?
27. What is the estimated temperature reading?

Using the following graphic, answer the questions.

28. What type of graphic is pictured on the?
29. To whom does the Vice President of Finances answer directly?
30. To whom does the Plant Manager answer directly?
31. To whom do employees of the Plant Department answer directly?
32. Are the Sales Manager and Manufacturing Manager in top management, middle management, or departments of the company?
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## Extract or insert data as directed for the following graphics.


33. How many museum visitors were there in 1995?
34. The visitor total for the year 1993 was 8,000 . Decide how you would show this?
35. What year did the museum experience the greatest number of visitors?

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| Blossoms and 3looms |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type | Height | Family | Cost of 3" <br> pot | Cost of 6" <br> pot |
| Begonia | 4 inches | Begoniaceae | 3.99 | 5.99 |
| Geranium | 6 inches | Geraniaceae | 4.50 | 6.00 |
| Morning Glory | 8 inches | Convolvulaceae | 5.00 | 8.00 |
| Tulip | 5 inches | Liliaceae | 4.99 | 6.99 |
| Gladiola | 6 inches | Iridaceae | 5.99 | 8.99 |

36. What is the cost of a 6 " pot of Morning Glories?
37. According to the chart above, what is the least expensive plant that is 6 " tall in a 3 " pot?
38. Using the Blossoms and Blooms Table, make a summary statement regarding the data.
39. You really like the plant family "Lilaceae". What type of plant is that according to the Blossoms and Blooms chart?
40. You want to buy a plant that is 6 " tall. According to the chart below, which plant or plants are NOT available at the height of 6 " or more?

| Blossoms and Blooms |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| Gladiola | 6 inches | Iridaceae | 5.99 | 8.99 |  |  |  |

## ANSWERS TO EXERCISE

1. Define the term "graphics."

Answer: Graphics are any visual means of communicating information contained within a document.
2. What type of graphic would you use to chart the pattern of change in weight data over a period of time?
Answer: a graph, particularly line graphs show change well
3. Look at the following graphic and identify its type. (Is it a chart, table, map, diagram, line graph, etc.?)
Answer: vertical bar graph
4. Look at the following graphic and identify its specific type.

Answer: horizontal bar graph
5. Look at the following graphic and identify its specific type.

Answer: pie graph, also called a pie chart
6. Look at the following graphic and identify its specific type.

Answer: line graph
7. Look at the following graphic and identify its specific type.

Answer: form
8. Define key as used in reference to graphics.

Answer: A detailed chart showing what the symbols and icons represent in a graphic.
9. Define a scale used on a map.

Answer: A scale shows measurement of a smaller distance that represents a larger distance, such as, one inch equals one mile, etc.
10. What are the basic steps that you should take every time you read a graphic?
Answer:

1. Preview to determine format.
2. Read the title and subtitle of the graphic.
3. Read any labels, captions, or keys that are included.
4. Try to determine the purpose of the graphic.
5. If the graphic is integrated into the text, read the text before and after the graphic.
6. What is the purpose of a flowchart?

Answer: A flowchart is a drawing that represents a process; arrows guide the flow and different symbols indicate start, decision, action, etc.
12. Instruments and dials provide raw data in its original form. True or False?
Answer: true
13. Name the two types of readouts for instruments and dials.

Answer: digital and analog
14. Pie graphs can represent more or less than $100 \%$. True or False? Answer: false
15. How many yards of carpet did Samantha sell on July 3? Answer: 590
16. How many yards of carpet did Josh sell on June 29? Answer: 599
17. How many yards of carpet did Quincy sell on June 22? Answer: 667
18. How many yards of carpet did Kelley sell on June 24 ? Answer: 662

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19. How many receptacles are there in this plan?

Answer:
4
20. What does the triangle represent?

Answer: a telephone
21. How many lights are there?

Answer: 2

22 What are the scale dimensions for this space?
Answer: no scale is given
23. Name four uses of forms.

Suggested answers: (answers may vary)

- job application
- insurance reimbursement
- medical information for hospital admission
- marriage license
- college entrance application
- message notes
- order forms

24. What type of format does this instrument use?

Answer: analog
25. How many scales and pointers does this gauge have?

Answer:
26. What do they represent?

Answer: temperature, lb per sq in, ft of alt
27. What is the temperature reading?

Answer: approximately 200 degrees Fahrenheit
28. What type of graphic is pictured?

Answer: organizational chart
29. To whom does the Vice President of Finances answer directly? Answer: Chief Operating Officer
30. To whom does the Plant Manager answer directly?

Answer: Manufacturing Manager
31. To whom do employees of the Plant Department answer directly? Answer: Plant Manager
32. Are the Business Sales Manager and Manufacturing Manager in top management, middle management, or departments of the company? Answer: middle management
33. How many museum visitors were there in 1995 ?

Answer: 6,000
34. The visitor total for the year 1993 was 8,000 . Decide how you would show this?
Answer: insert a vertical bar before 1994, next to the number of visitors on the left, that reaches up to 8,000
35. What year did the museum experience the greatest number of visitors?
Answer: 1997 shows 7,000, but if 1993 is included, it would show the greatest number of visitors as 8,000
36. What is the cost of a" pot of Morning Glories?

Answer: \$8.00
37. According to the chart above, what is the least expensive plant that is 6 " tall in a 3 " pot?
Answer: Geranium

| 3lossoms and 3looms |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| Tulip | 5 inches | Liliaceae | 4.99 | 6.99 |
| Gladiola | 6 inches | Iridaceae | 5.99 | 8.99 |

38. Using the Blossoms and Blooms Table, make a summary statement regarding the data.
Answer: Answers will vary.
Summary: The Blossoms and Blooms table contains a brief description and prices of 5 varieties of plants.
39. You really like the plant family "Lilaceae". What type of plant is that according to the Blossoms and Blooms chart?
Answer: Tulip
40. You want to buy a plant that is 6 " tall. According to the chart, which plant or plants are NOT available at the height of 6" or more?
Answer: Begonias and Tulips

Calculate your score counting the number of questions you answered correctly. If a problem asked you to list items or steps and you missed one or more, count the question as answered incorrectly. Divide the number of your correct answers by 40 . Change the decimal answer to a percentage by moving the decimal two places to the right.



Well, how did you do on the Posttest? If you scored $95 \%$ or higher, you have a reasonable chance to pass Level 4 of the ACT WorkKeys ${ }^{\circledR}$ Locating Information assessment. Remember the basic steps for reading graphics, take your time and think about each question, and you will do fine. But, you may want to complete Level 5 with me before you take the assessment. Hope to see you there!

Now don't be discouraged if you scored below $95 \%$. There is a lot of information to remember. Practice the exercises in this course - you can do it! Your enhanced work skills will pay off in the long run. So practice, practice. I'll be cheering for you all the way.

## ANSWERS TO POP QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. Page 17-Graphics are used in newspapers, magazines, brochures, television guides, telephone books, annual reports, company literature, operation manuals, tax forms, surveys, travel maps, and more.
2. Page 36 - A flowchart is a representative drawing showing a set of steps to reach a conclusion.
3. Page $58-100 \%$



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