Topic: Summarising Data

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example	
1. Types of Data	Qualitative Data – non-numerical data Quantitative Data – numerical data	 Qualitative Data – eye colour, gender etc. Continuous Data – weight, voltage etc. Discrete Data – number of children, shoe size etc. 	
	Continuous Data – data that can take any numerical value within a given range.		
	Discrete Data – data that can take only specific values within a given range.		
2. Grouped	Data that has been bundled in to	Foot length, <i>l</i> , (cm)	Number of children
Data	categories.	10 ≤ <i>l</i> < 12	5
	Seen in grouped frequency tables, histograms, cumulative frequency etc.	12 ≤ <i>l</i> < 17	53
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 – Census data used to analyse link between education and earnings.	
	Secondary Data – collected by someone else for another purpose.		
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 $\frac{3+4+7+6+0+4+6}{7} = 5$	
5. Mean from a Table	 Find the midpoints (if necessary) Multiply Frequency by values or midpoints Add up these values Divide this total by the Total Frequency 	Height in cmFrequency $0 < h \le 10$ 8 $10 < h \le 30$ 10 $30 < h \le 40$ 6Total24Estimated Meanheight: 450 \div 24 =	$\begin{tabular}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$
	If grouped data is used, the answer will be an estimate .	18.75cm	
6. Median Value	The middle value.	Find the median of: 4, 5, 2, 3, 6, 7, 6	
	Put the data in order and find the middle one.	Ordered: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	5, 6, 7
	If there are two middle values , find the number half way between them by adding them together and dividing by 2 .	Median = 5	
7. Median		If the total frequency	v is 15 the median
from a Table	Use the formula $\frac{(n+1)}{2}$ to find the position of the median.	will be the $\left(\frac{15+1}{2}\right) =$	8 <i>th</i> position
	n 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- modal or multi-modal) or no mode (if all values appear once)	Mode = 4	
9. Range	Highest value subtract the Smallest value	Find the range: 3, 31	1, 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. An outlier is much smaller or much larger than the other values in a set of data.	12 10 8 6 4 2 0 0 20 40 60 80 100
11. Lower	Divides the bottom half of the data into	Find the lower quartile of: 2, <u>3</u> , 4, 5, 6,
Quartile	two halves.	6,7
12. Lower	$LQ = Q_1 = \frac{(n+1)}{4} th \text{ value}$ Divides the top half of the data into two	$Q_1 = \frac{(7+1)}{4} = 2nd \text{ value } \rightarrow 3$ Find the upper quartile of: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
Quartile	halves. UQ = $Q_3 = \frac{3(n+1)}{4} th$ value	<u>6</u> , 7 $Q_3 = \frac{3(7+1)}{4} = 6th \text{ value } \rightarrow 6$
13. Interquartile	The difference between the upper quartile and lower quartile.	Find the IQR of: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7
Range	$IQR = Q_3 - Q_1$	$IQR = Q_3 - Q_1 = 6 - 3 = 3$
	The smaller the interquartile range , the more consistent the data.	