

# Bar Chart

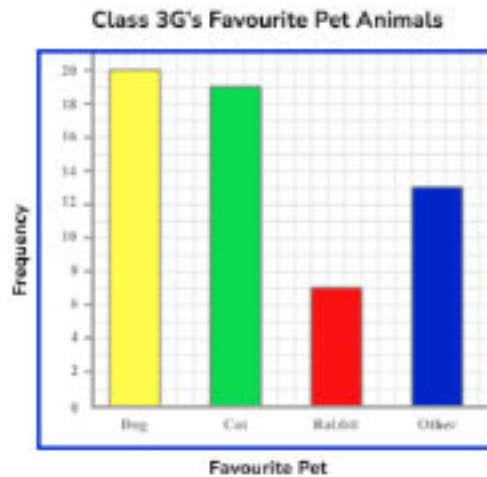
## Facts

A bar chart is used to show discrete data.  
The height of the bars show the frequency.  
All of the bars are the same width.  
There are equal gaps between the bars.  
The bars do not touch.

Type of bar chart

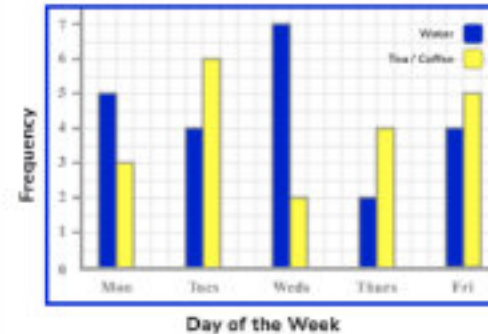
Example

Standard bar chart



Comparative bar chart

The frequency of drinks consumed per day

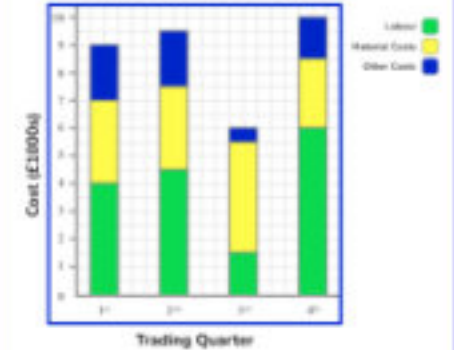


This bar chart compares the frequency of two different types of drink on a particular day.  
Needs a key / legend as there is more than one data set on each bar chart.

Advantage: Easy to analyse data

Compound bar chart  
(stacked bar chart)

Company Costs per Trading Quarter



This bar chart stacks the individual costs for a construction company for each trading quarter of the year.  
Needs a key/legend as there is more than one data set on each bar chart.

Advantage: Easy to read totals and compare the sizes of bars.