



Drawing Graphs

Bar Graphs & Line Graphs



Bar Graphs

- Numbers up the side
- Words along the bottom
- Labels up side & along the bottom



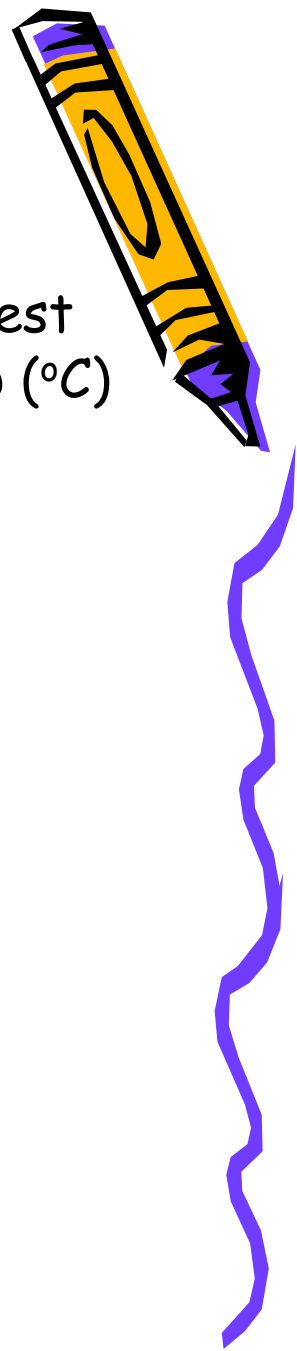
Line Graphs



- Numbers go up the side & along the bottom
- Side and base of graph need to be labelled



Bar Graph - Example



- Place
- Barcelona
- Dublin
- Majorca
- Moscow
- Rome
- Tenerife
- Vienna
- Warsaw

Highest
Temp (°C)

Lowest
Temp (°C)

18

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12

6

15

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14

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20

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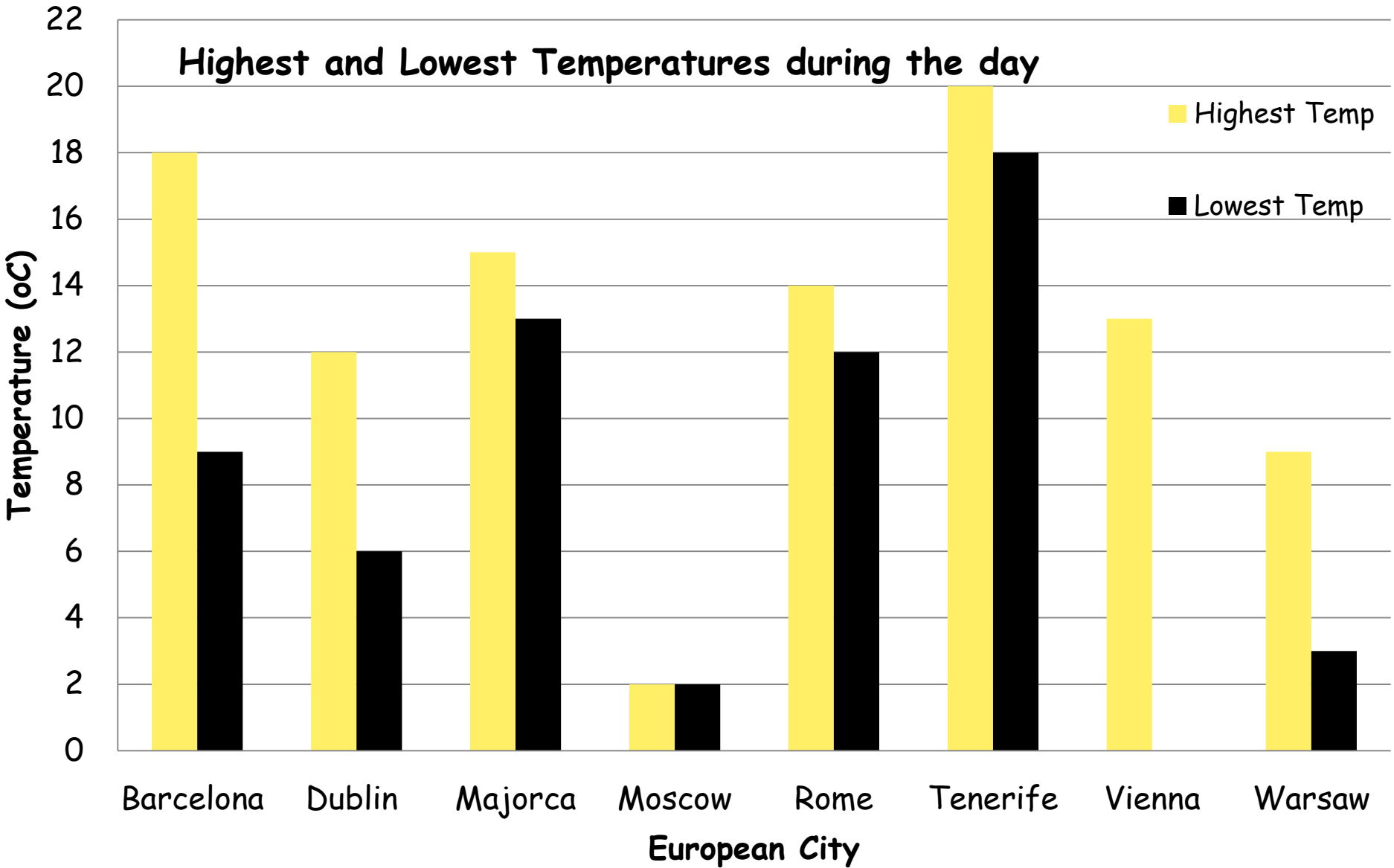
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Highest and Lowest Temperatures during the day

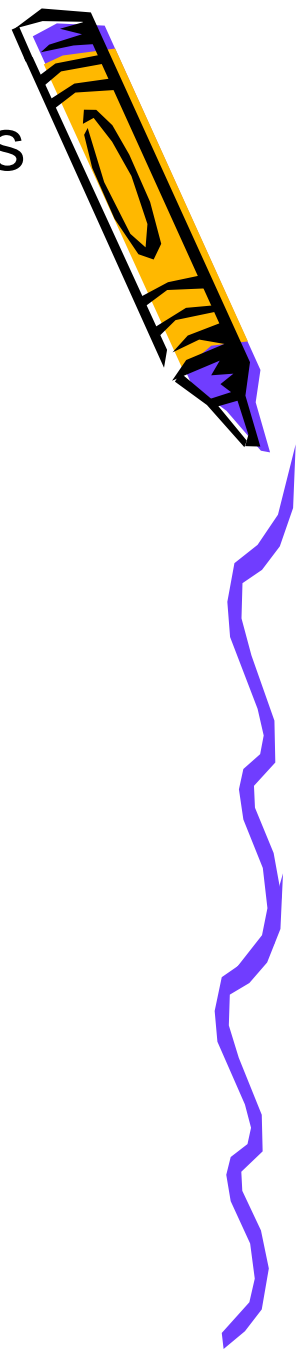
■ Highest Temp
■ Lowest Temp



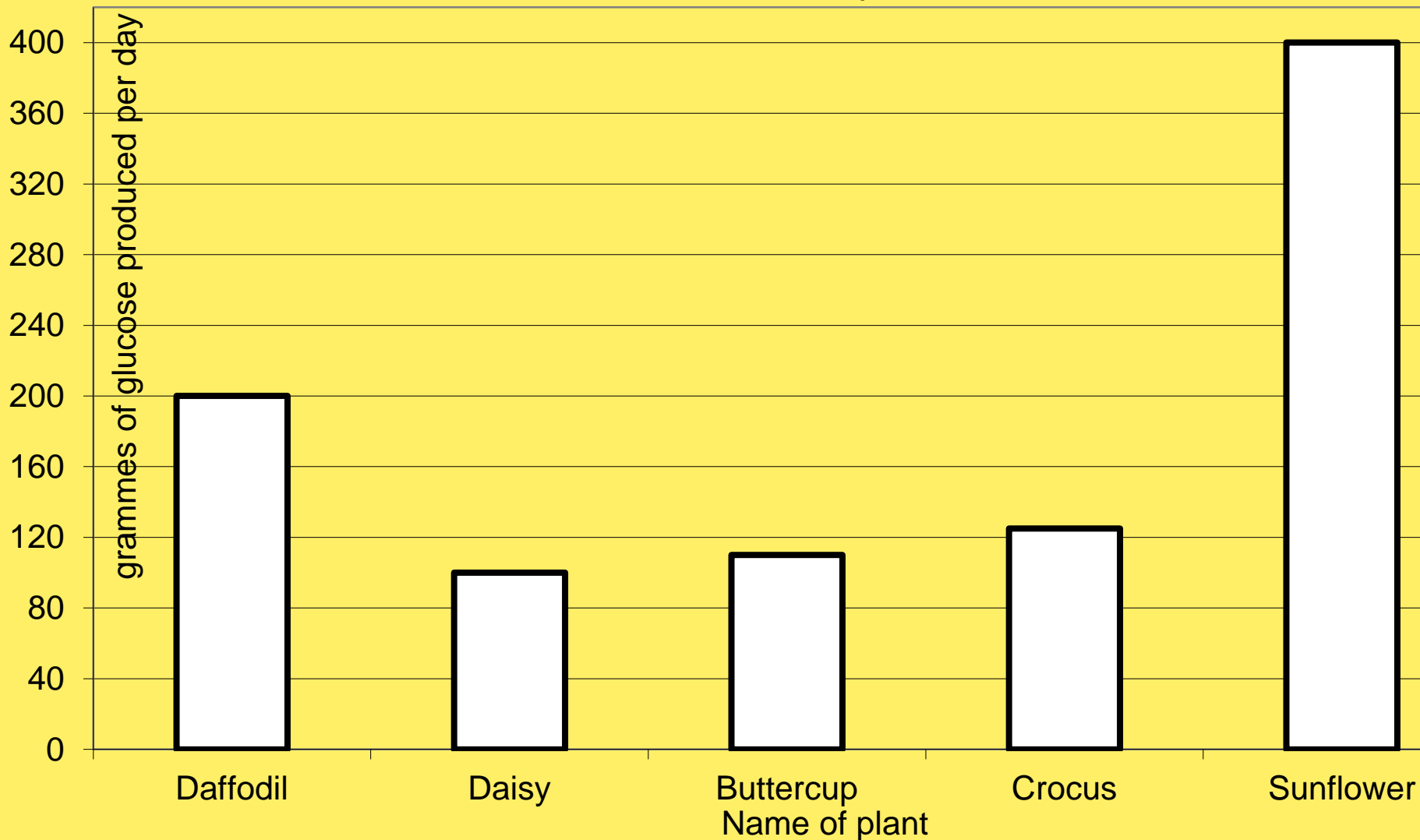
Graph Work

The table below shows the number of grams of glucose produced by different plants in one day.

Plants	Grammes of glucose produced in one day
Daffodil	200
Daisy	100
Buttercup	110
Crocus	125
Sunflower	400



A graph to find the difference between the glucose produced by different plants



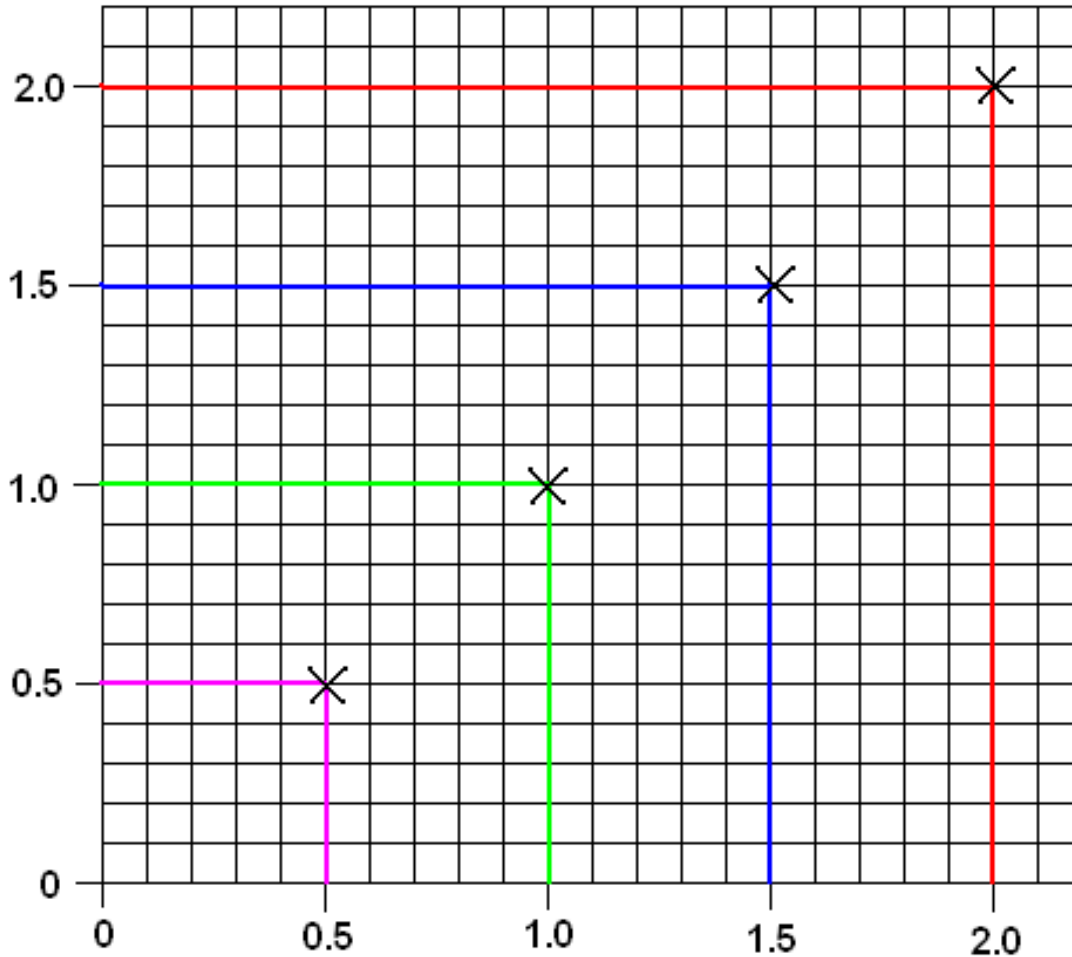
How to draw line graphs



- Line graphs are used to show information more clearly than a simple results table.
- Line graphs compare information that is similar, e.g. time.
- You can not use line graphs to compare information that is very different, e.g. eye colours.

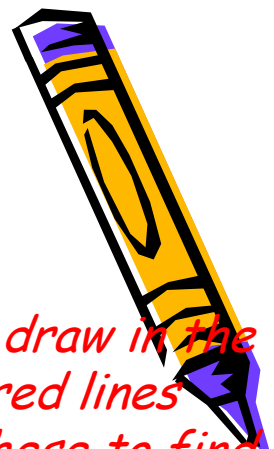


Dependant variable goes along
the vertical (y - axis)

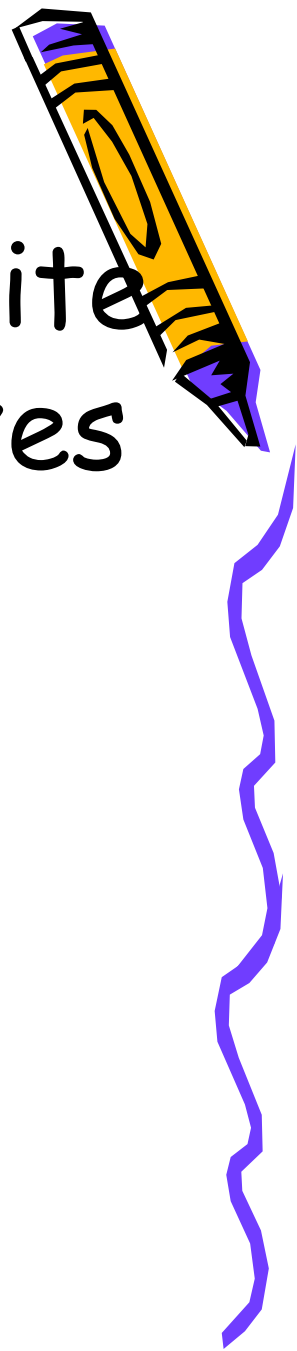


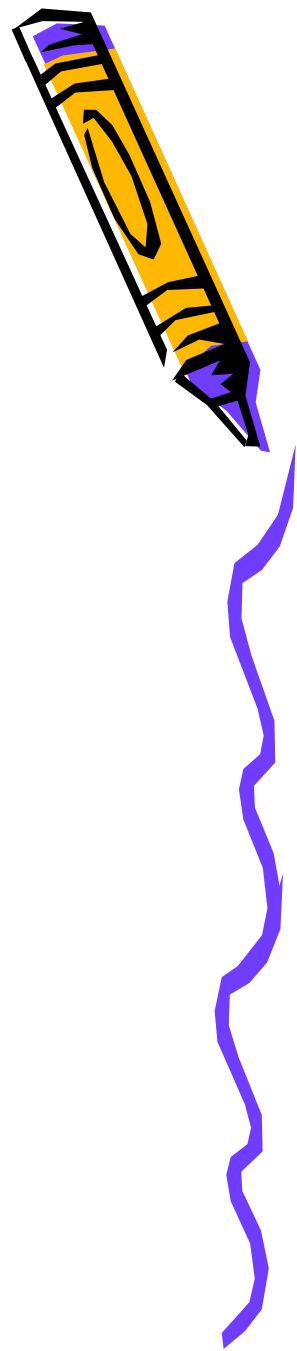
Independent variable goes along the
horizontal (x - axis)

*Don't draw in the
coloured lines
use these to find
where to put the
small cross.*



- Remember to ALWAYS write a title and labels on the axes (including units).

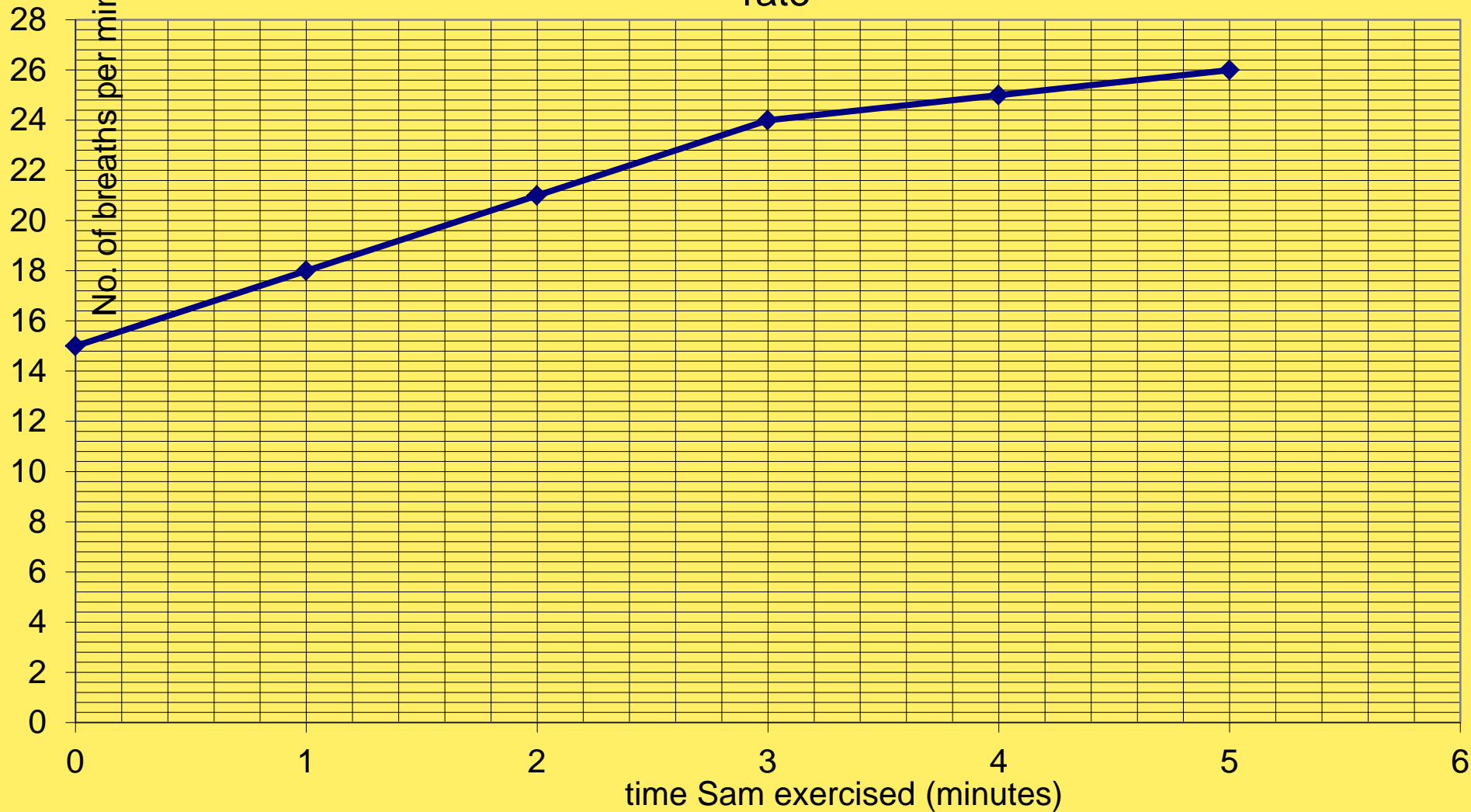




Time Sam exercised (minutes)	No. of breaths per minute
0	15
1	18
2	21
3	24
4	25
5	26



A graph to see how Sam's time for exercise affected his breathing rate



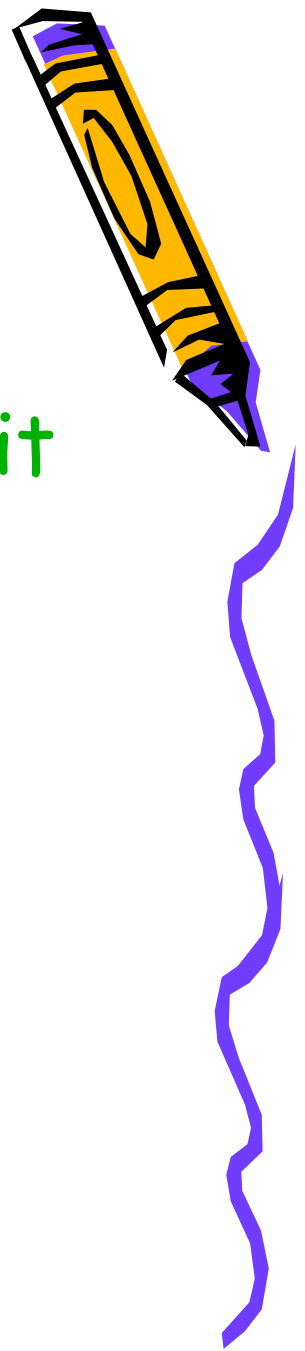
Line Graph - Example

- Use your temperature readings from your Cooling Down experiment to draw a line graph
- Use graph paper with the scale already drawn

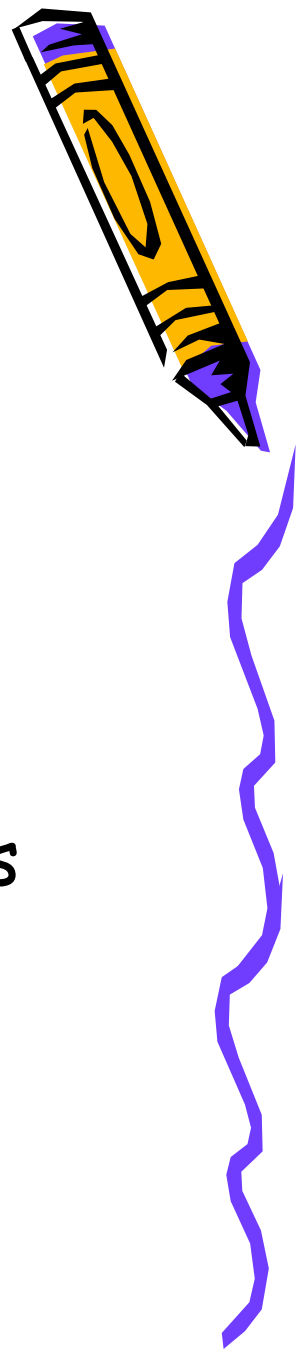


Cooling Down

- When is cooling fastest & when is it slowest?
- Read P40 of Science in View
- Write & underline the heading
- Answer all 4 questions



Success in Science - Drawing a Line Graph



A. Label the axes, remembering the units.

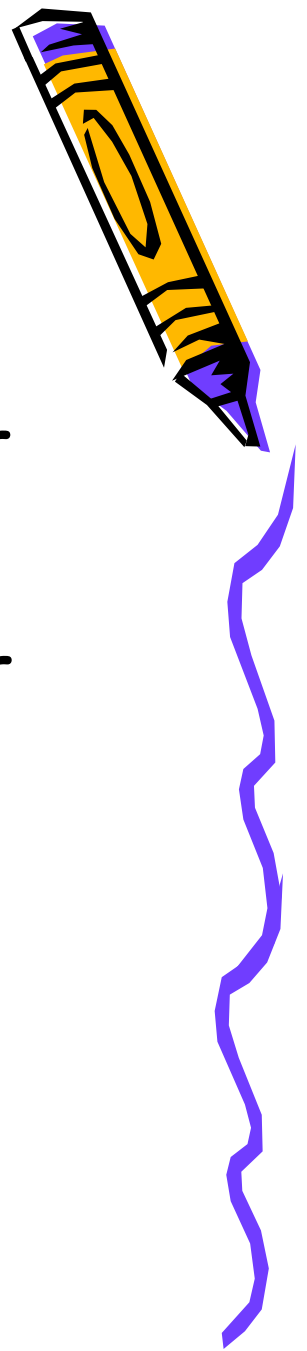
*Input Variable - Goes on the x axis
(horizontal)

*Outcome Variable - Goes on the y axis
(vertical)

B. Choose a scale for each variable
that uses the **MOST** of the available
space.



Success in Science - Drawing a Line Graph



C. Plot the points with a small (but visible) dot or cross.

D. Draw a line or a curve that best fits the data points. Most graphs of experimental data are not drawn as "join-the-dots".

E. Give your graph a title.



Success in Science - Drawing a Line Graph



- When marking a graph, write down the letter(s) from the above list to show what needs to be fixed.

