

INTERPRETING CHARTS*

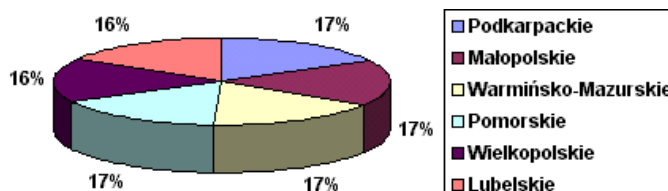
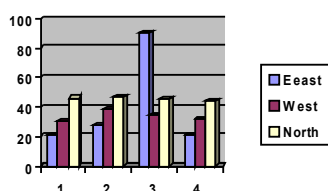
Chart: a sheet giving information in tabular form

Graph: a diagram (as a series of one or more points, lines, line segments, curves, or areas) that represents the variation of a variable in comparison with that of one or more other variables

Diagram: a graphic design that explains rather than represents; *especially* : a drawing that shows arrangement and relations (as of parts)

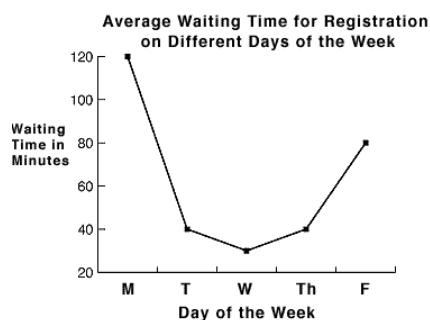
(according to: <http://www.m-w.com/>)

Types of charts:



bar chart

pie chart



a table

line graph

While interpreting a chart you should consider the following questions:

- a. What kind of data does the chart show?
- b. Does it show any tendencies or trends?
- c. Is it possible to make a generalization based on the chart?
- d. Do you find any information in the chart amusing, interesting or surprising?
- e. Does any of the information in the chart relate to your life experience? If so, how?

(adapted from *Advance Intermediate*, PWN 2003)

Expressions:

to drop

to go up from ...% to ... % (per cent)

to decrease/ increase by ... %

to decline / to fall

to rise / to gain

to slump / to plummet

to rocket/ to peak

to halve / to double / to triple

to level off

to recover/ to improve/ to fluctuate

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