Lesson 2: Enter the data

Year 2 – Data and information – Pictograms

National Centre for Computing Education

Introduction

What is a pictogram?



Think, pair, share

Pictograms

Our group's favourite colours



A pictogram is a chart that uses pictures to display data. We can make them using pens and paper, or we can use a computer.

Pictograms

Our group's favourite colours



This pictogram shows the favourite colours of a group of children. Each circle of colour represents one child's answer.

Pictograms

Our group's favourite colours



I asked eight children what their favourite colour was and recorded it using a pictogram. For each person's answer I added a circle of their chosen colour.

Quick pictograms

Our group's favourite colours

The images underneath the line show the data that is being collected.

We do not count this.

Can you create a pictogram to show your group's favourite colours?

Quick pictogram rules

- Everyone has to choose their favourite colour from the list: red, green, blue, or yellow
- You only have one vote, so you can only pick one colour
- Everyone has to help make the pictogram
- Once the pictogram is made you need to work out as a group what your favourite colour is



What is your group's favourite colour from this list?



Entering the data



What have I been collecting data about?

My family's favourite fruit



I asked my family what their favourite fruit was from my list: apples, bananas, oranges, pears, or strawberries. They could only choose one fruit from my list.

My family's favourite fruit



Each time a member of my family chose their favourite fruit I clicked on the **+** next to their chosen fruit. This is the data I collected.

Why do you think I collected this data?



I'm having a party soon and I wanted to know how much of each fruit to buy. It is always important to have a reason to collect your data.

Answering questions



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How many people chose bananas?

Answering questions



How many people chose oranges?

Answering questions



Which fruit got the most votes?

Answering questions



What if each fruit represented 2 votes. Now how many people voted for pears?

Answering questions



What if each fruit represented 5 votes. Now how many people voted for bananas?

How do computers help us when we make pictograms?





Which pictogram is easiest to read?



Computers help us to lay out the data so it is evenly spaced, and easy to read and understand.

It is easy to enter data on a computer



Computers make it easy for us to enter the data. With the click of a button, we can add another coloured circle to the pictogram.

Extension

• Have a go at creating your own pictogram.