Lesson 05: What is the difference between a bar graph and a histogram?

Q: 1. What does the bar graph display?
2. Is there a particular order to display the bars?

3. Why do you think there is Example Bar Graph space between the bars? $\qquad$
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1. A histogram looks similar to a bar graph....is it?????? $\qquad$



But there are no gaps between the bars

## If there are gaps?



Any gap in a histogram is an actual gap in data

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Let's create a histogram

| Miles per Tank |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 302 | 315 | 265 | 296 | 289 | 301 | 308 | 280 | 285 | 318 |
| 267 | 300 | 309 | 312 | 299 | 316 | 301 | 286 | 281 | 311 |
| 272 | 295 | 305 | 283 | 309 | 313 | 278 | 284 | 296 | 291 |
| 310 | 302 | 282 | 287 | 307 | 305 | 314 | 318 | 308 | 280 |

How many bins or classes?

$$
\sqrt{n} \quad \text { or } \quad 2 n^{1 / 3}
$$

Where n is the number of data entries.
Width of each bin $=\frac{\text { Largest value }- \text { Smallest Value }}{\text { number of bins }}$

Make a frequency table

| Miles per Tank | Frequency |
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| 260 -under 270 | 2 |

Total 40
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The height of each bar in the histogram reflects the frequency for each group of miles per tank of gas


Misrepresentation Possible !
Spending per student in some schools


What are the appropriate situations to use a bar graph vs. a histogram?

Ti Tips: Make a Histogram (Page 46 Textbook)

For an agility test, fourth-grade children jump from side to side across a set of parallel lines, counting the number of lines they clear in 30 seconds. Here are their scores: $\qquad$
22, 17, 18, 29, 22, 22, 23, 24, 23, 17, 21, 25, 20
$12,19,28,24,22,21,25,26,25,16,27,22$

| Advantages | Disadvantages |
| :--- | :--- |
| Can display large <br> data sets | More difficult to <br> compare two data <br> sets |
| Can display if data is <br> normally distributed | Can't read individual <br> values/ exact values |
| Useful for numerical and continuous data <br> only |  |

