

Listen to a data briefing

What can a speaker tell us that a graph can't?

AIMS

How confident are you now? Circle one face for each aim at the end of the lesson.

Content Check what a speaker says against a graph.



Language Report what a speaker says and what a graph shows.



Skills Listen for key ideas. Make short notes.



Listen: Seabay Today

You will hear two people on the news, Seabay Today. They talk about this year's weather. Read the five questions. Then listen and write short notes.

Teacher: Learners listen twice, a third time in two halves if needed. Accept any short note with the right number or idea (digits are fine).



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| 1 How many people visited Seabay this year? | about 182,000 |
| 2 How many more visitors than last year? | 18,000 more |
| 3 Which months were the busiest? | July and August |
| 4 Which month was the driest? | July (35 mm) |
| 5 What else might explain the increase? | the town's 500th anniversary (a music festival and an arts festival) |

REMEMBER You can see the weather in the graph. You cannot see the visitors. Listen for what the speaker adds.

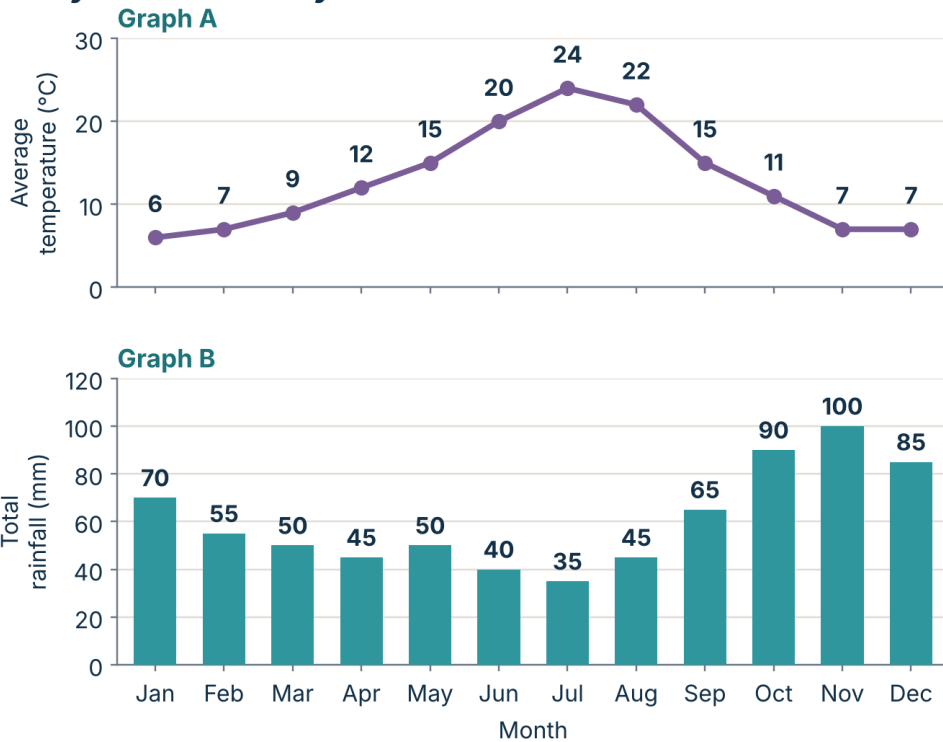


Check: Check the speaker against the graph

Listen to Linda's sign-off. One thing is not right. Use the graph to find it.

Teacher: Accept any wording that says July, not August, was the driest month. The correct answer is shown.

Seabay weather this year



WHAT IS NOT RIGHT?

Write what Linda says. Then write what the graph shows.

Suggested answer: Linda says August was the driest month, but the graph shows July was the driest month, with 35 mm.

STRETCH What does Linda say that no graph shows?

Suggested answer: The town was celebrating its 500th birthday. (Accept any detail that is not in the graph.)

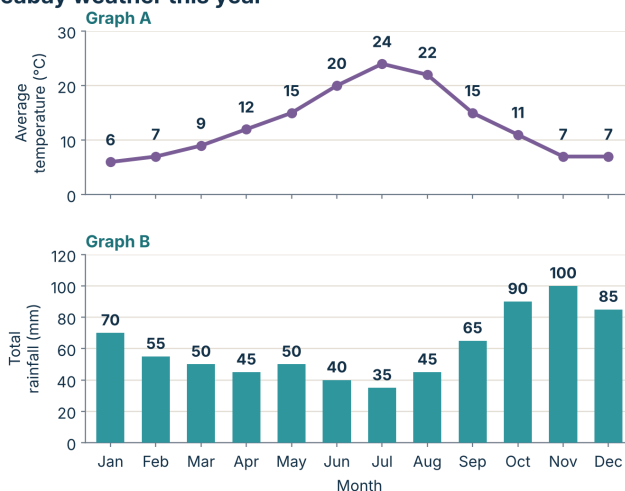


Say: Correct the data

Student A makes a mistake with the graph. Student B corrects it politely. Then swap.

Teacher: Model answers are given. Accept any polite correction that matches the graph.

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MODEL · STUDENT A MAKES A MISTAKE

“There has been a sharp increase in temperature from October to December.”

STUDENT B CORRECTS IT

“Did you mean decrease? Actually, I think the temperature fell from 11 °C to 7 °C.”

1 A says: “Rainfall was lowest in November.”

Suggested answer: Did you mean highest? Actually, I think rainfall was highest in November, with 100 mm.

2 A says: “There has been a sharp decrease in temperature from April to July.”

Suggested answer: Did you mean increase? Actually, I think the temperature rose from 12 °C to 24 °C.

STRETCH Make your own mistake about Graph B. Your partner corrects it.

Suggested answer: Students’ own. Example: “Rainfall increased from October to December.” → “Did you mean decrease? Actually, I think it fell from 90 mm to 85 mm.” (Accept: Nov was the peak at 100 mm.)



Remember: Language for checking a speaker

Use this page to help you with the role-play.

KEY LANGUAGE Report a speaker and check a graph.

REPORT WHAT YOU HEAR AND SEE

The speaker says ____. The graph shows ____.

SAY WHERE IT COMES FROM

According to ____, about ____.

SAY HOW SURE

The speaker might say ____.

CORRECT A MISTAKE

____ says ____, but the graph shows ____.

CORRECT POLITELY

Did you mean ____? Actually, I think ____.

REMEMBER Read the key words. Write each word in your own language.

Teacher: The last column is for learners' own language.

MEANING

IN MY LANGUAGE

data

facts and numbers

indicate

show or point to

trend

the general direction of change over time

source

where information comes from



Seabay on a summer day



Independent task

Be the news team. Linda asks, Daria answers. Use your notes and the graph.

Teacher: Speaking task. Pairs read the dialogue, swap roles, then cover Linda's lines, Daria's lines or the gaps and say them from memory. Accept any accurate answer that matches the notes and the graph.

Seabay Today: your turn

Student A is Linda. Student B is Daria. Then swap.

LINDA	Welcome to Seabay Today. How many people visited Seabay this year?
DARIA	According to the Seabay Tourism Authority, about 182,000 people visited.
LINDA	How many more is that than last year?
DARIA	That is 18,000 more than last year.
LINDA	Which were the busiest months?
DARIA	The busiest months were July and August .
LINDA	Which was the driest month?
DARIA	The graph shows that July was the driest month, with 35 mm.
LINDA	What else might explain the increase?
DARIA	The town was also celebrating its 500th anniversary .

STRETCH Linda says one wrong fact. Daria corrects it.
“Actually, the graph shows ...”



Listen: Transcript 1: Seabay Today

- LINDA** Welcome back to Seabay Today. Many residents will know that this has been the driest summer on record for Seabay. Our Economics Editor, Daria Coulter, has been looking at the figures. Daria?
- DARIA** Thanks, Linda. It really has been a dry summer. Behind me you can see this year's weather graph, from the Seabay weather station. The bars show rainfall, in millimetres. The bars for June, July and August are all low, and July is the driest month, with only thirty-five millimetres. In total, only about one hundred and twenty millimetres of rain fell this summer. A normal summer has about two hundred. The line shows temperature, and it was a warm summer as well.
- LINDA** And it has been a very busy year for tourism too, hasn't it?
- DARIA** It has. According to the Seabay Tourism Authority, about one hundred and eighty-two thousand people visited this year. That is eighteen thousand more than last year. The busiest months were July and August.
- LINDA** So, Daria, I guess there's a connection between the dry summer and the increase in tourism?
- DARIA** Most probably, Linda! You can't beat the seaside in the sun. Although, it is worth mentioning that, while the weather might have been a factor, Seabay was also celebrating its five hundredth anniversary this year. The town was founded in fifteen twenty-six. There were lots of events, like a music festival and an arts festival, and they brought many tourists to the town.
- LINDA** So there might be more than one reason.
- DARIA** Exactly. We have data on rainfall and visitor numbers, but we do not have data on why people chose Seabay. We would need to ask the visitors.
- LINDA** Thanks, Daria. We'll be back after the break.



Listen: Transcript 2: Outtake from rehearsal

This is an outtake from rehearsal. Linda makes a mistake with the data.

- LINDA** Thanks, Daria. So, to sum up: a warm, dry summer, with August the driest month, around one hundred and eighty-two thousand visitors, and a town celebrating its five hundredth birthday. Goodnight!

Teacher: the mistake is "August the driest month". The graph shows July (35 mm); August is 45 mm.