

PARAGRAPH STRUCTURE MAT

TOPIC / QUESTION: _____ DATE: _____

PURPOSE: Describe what the data shows and what it means.



INTERPRET



ANALYSE



EXPLAIN



CONCLUDE

1 TOPIC SENTENCE



Introduce the main idea of the paragraph.

Sentence starters:

- The data shows that ...
- This graph/table shows ...
- Overall, ...

2 EVIDENCE

Describe the key data.



Sentence starters:

- The data shows ...
- For example, ...
- In particular, ...
- The highest/lowest is ...

3 EXPLANATION

Explain what the data means.



Sentence starters:

- This means that ...
- This suggests ...
- This could be because ...
- This indicates ...

4 CONCLUSION

Summarise and link back to the question.



Sentence starters:

- In conclusion, ...
- Overall, ...
- Therefore, ...
- As a result, ...

MATHS LANGUAGE TOOLKIT

COMPARING



greater than (>)
less than (<)
equal to (=)
increase
decrease
more than
less than
the same as

QUANTIFYING



total
average / mean
median
mode
range
percentage (%)
proportion
per / each

SEQUENCING

1 — first / firstly
2 — next / then
3 → finally
in order
before
after

DESCRIBING DATA



the data shows
the graph indicates
the table shows
the proportion of
the number of
the majority
the minority

CHECKLIST

- I answered the question.
- I used data from the visual.
- I explained what it means.
- I used maths language.
- My paragraph flows clearly.