

a graph or a table beside the words: which choice uses it honestly

What this question type puts in front of you

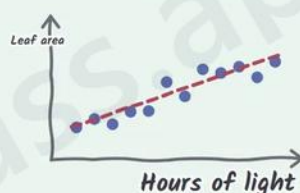
- a short passage and a data display, a bar graph, a line graph, a scatterplot or a small table, and the display belongs to that one question
- the stem asks which choice uses the data correctly, or which finding completes the claim the passage is building
- the arithmetic is deliberately light: comparing, adding two figures, doubling, reading a percentage off an axis
- Reading and Writing is 54 questions in 64 minutes, about 71 seconds each, in two modules of 27 in 32 minutes
- four choices, no penalty for a wrong answer, so check the numbers on two survivors and pick, never leave it blank
- pacing for this chapter: allow 85 to 95 seconds, above the average, because reading the display honestly is most of the work



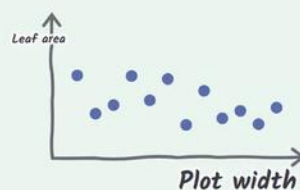
four stops in order along one dashed path with no line running back: read what the axes measure before you read the claim, and check the arithmetic only on the choices that survive

read the axis labels and the units first, every time, a graph in thousands and a choice in millions is the cheapest wrong answer on the section

What a display can say, and what it cannot



twelve points rising steadily from lower to upper, with a dashed line of best fit drawn through them: this supports as one rises the other rises, and nothing about one causing the other



twelve points spread with no rise or fall and no fit line drawn: a cloud like this supports no claim that the two quantities move together, so a choice asserting a trend here is simply false

a display supports a relationship, never a cause, and never anything about a group it did not measure