Hello! My name is Stephanie Bates. I am 5. I go to kindergarten. I would like to show you how to use a chart.

This is a chart. You use it to write down how many times in a day you help your mother, how many words you can read in a minute, and how many times the teacher has to tell the boys to stop running and making noise.

The chart has heavy, thick lines and light, skinny lines. The lines that go up and down are day lines. See this Sunday line going up and down and the Monday line right next to it. Do you see another Sunday line? The big heavy lines are Sunday lines. They are day lines.

Do you see all the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday lines, and Thursday lines, and Friday and Saturday lines? They all go up and down like Sunday lines but are skinny. They are day lines too. All up and down lines are day lines.

These lines go across the chart. They tell you how many times you do something. They tell you how often you can do something. I would like to teach you a new word. The new word is frequency. Frequency is how many times you do something in one minute. We use frequency on this chart to say how many times we do something is, 1 minute, 10 minutes, 100 minutes, or a whole day. These lines that go across the chart are frequency lines.

See where the one line is that goes across. Dot number 1 is on the 1 line. The line that goes up and down through dot number 1 is the Monday line. Dot number 1 means I did something 1 time in 1 minute on Monday.


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Dot number 2 is on the 2 line. The line that goes up and down through it is a Wednesday line. Dot number 2 means I did something 2 times in 1 minute on Wednesday. Dot number 3 is on the 3 line and also on a Friday line. Dot number 3 means I did something 3 times in 1 minute on Friday.

Now look at the frequency lines again. The lines that go across the chart are frequency lines. Look how the frequency lines are in groups. I made curves on this chart to show where the groups are. We call each group a cycle. There are 6 cycles on the chart.

The bottom half of the chart is for the things that happen less than one time in one minute. The numbers for these lines are decimal fractions. I don't know what decimal fractions are yet, so my daddy has shown me another way to talk about the bottom half of the chart. But it still means the same thing. Look at the bottom cycle that goes from .001 to .01. It tells how many times something happens in 100 minutes. The next to the bottom cycle is from .01 to .1. It tells how many times something happens in 100 minutes. The next cycle up, .1 to 1, tells how many times something happens in 10 minutes.

See the other dots that I have put on this

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next chart? Can you guess what the dots mean?
All of the dots are on Wednesday lines. They show how often I did something on Wednesdays. That number 1 is on the 1 line in the 10 minute cycle. Line number 1 in the 10 minute cycle is the same thing as the 10 line in the 100 minute cycle. Dot number 1 means I did something 1 time in 10 minutes. Dot number 2 is on the 2 line in the 100 minute cycle. That means I did something 2 times in 100 minutes.
Dot number 3 is on the 3 line in the 1000 minute cycle. Dot number 3 means I did something 3 times in 1000 minutes. Dot number 4 means I did something 4 times in 100 minutes. Dot number 5 is on the 5 line in the 10 minute cycle. Dot number 5 means I did something 5 times in 10 minutes. Sometimes when you want to put a dot on the chart, there is not a frequency line where you want to put it. What would you do? You would put it in the place you want it between the 2 closest frequency lines. Look at the place where I put the dot on the Wednesday line. It means I did something 15 times in 1 minute.
Now we have learned the things that are most important about charting. I would like to say them over again so you don’t forget them when you do your own charts.
There are 14¢ days on this chart. The big heavy lines that go up and down are Sunday lines. The light lines that go up and down are Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday and Friday and Saturday lines. The lines that go up and down are all day lines.

The lines that go across are frequency lines. Frequency is how often you do something. These frequency lines tell how many times you do something. This chart can show when you do something 1000 times in 1 minute or 1 time in 1000 minutes. One thousand minutes are about the same as 1 day.

You can show how many times you do something by putting a dot on this chart where the frequency line and the day line cross. Sometimes you have to put a dot between two frequency lines, but you still put it on the right day line.

There are 6 frequency cycles on this chart. They are .001 to .01, .01 to .1, .1 to 1, 1 to 10, 10 to 100, 100 to 1000.

You can show three different kinds of days on this chart: Charted Days, Ignored Days, and No Chance Days. A Charted Day is when you count something. You show a Charted Day by putting a dot on the chart in the right place.

A No Chance Day is when you can’t do what you are counting. Just leave the chart blank. An Ignored Day is when you can do something but you don’t count it. Connect the dots on each side of Ignored Days.

Now take your chart and a pencil. Write in your name where it says prototype or behavior. Write how old you are where it says age, and then write what grade you are in where it says label. Then where it says movement write something you do that you want to change. Start to count how often you do it so you can put it on the chart. Then you’ll have a picture of whether you’re really changing.

Thank you for letting me tell you about charting. I have fun using it. Bye. Be good.