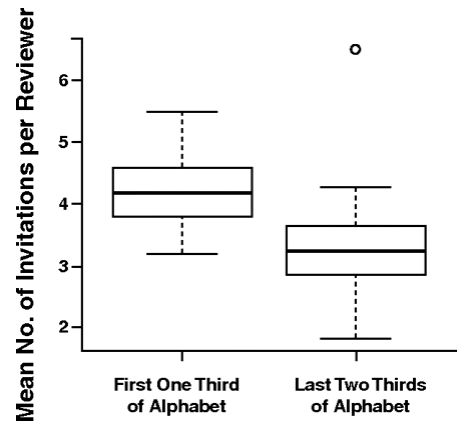


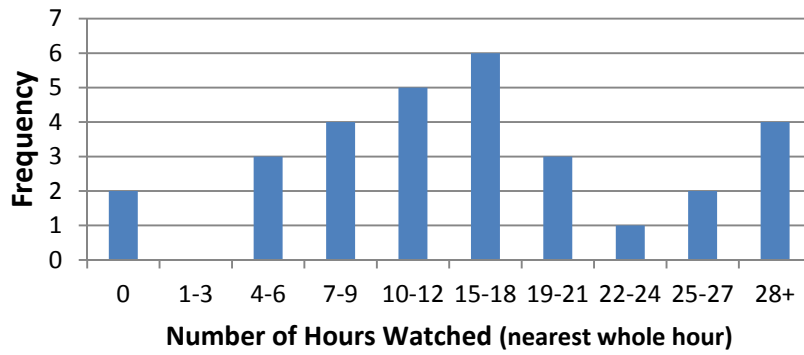
Routine Statistics Practice #3

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Hours of TV watched in a Week



- a) What is wrong with this graph?
 - b) How many students were surveyed?
 - c) What is another way the data could be more graphed for analysis? How would that be better?
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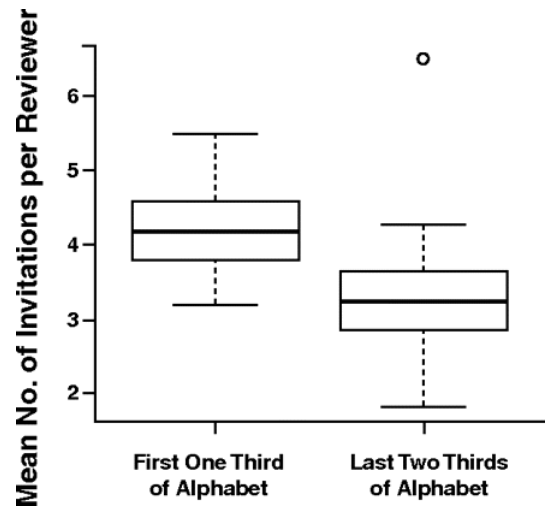
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- a) Plot the appropriate graph to show the trend in sales.
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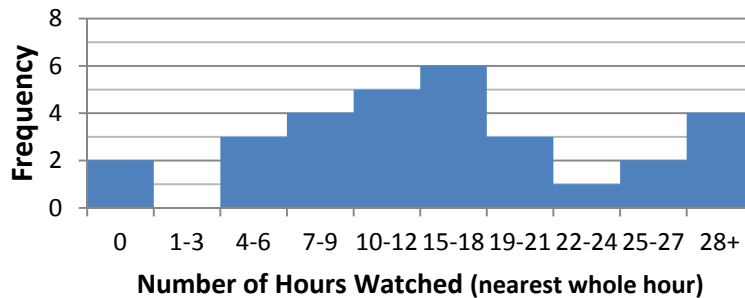
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 - The dot at the top right is an outlier. What does it represent in the real world, and why is it shown separately like that?
It represents one person with 7 invitations. It is shown separately to stop a single value making the whisker very long, which could lead to the impression that many more values were in that whisker.



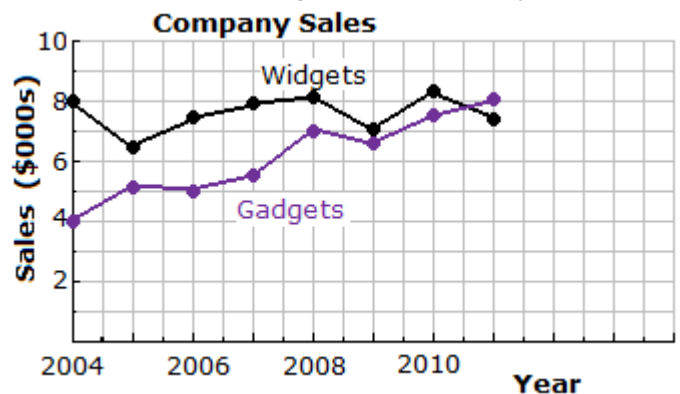
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- The graph should be a **histogram** (shown above) as the data is not categorical. Also the **"28+ hours"** group is far **too vague**, and the values should keep going up.
 - 30 students** were sampled.
 - A **box-and-whisker** graph could be used. It would make comparing the class to other groups easier. It would clearly mark the extremes. It would not have to group the data, and would not have to round to the nearest hour.
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- It should be a **time series**, as shown. A bar chart is poor, and a histogram worse.
- Sales of widgets are not increasing overall and can be erratic. **Next year is likely to be about 8,000 widgets sold.** Gadgets are showing a trend of a fairly constant increase in sales. **Next year is likely to have about 9,000 gadgets sold.**