

《學術英語Power Up》 Unit 3

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教學主題：**Describe a Bar Chart**



Warm-up

Pair work. Work with a partner and summarize the main point in Figure 1, using the information provided.

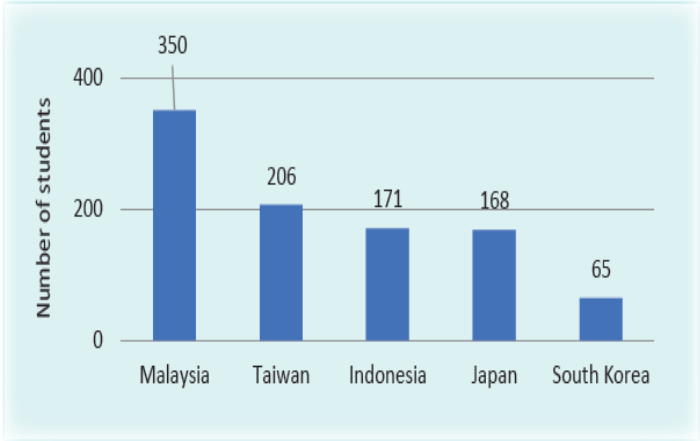


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Introduction

Provide an overall picture

Describe bars with exact figures

Understanding a bar chart

- A bar chart is used to **compare** data **between different groups**

1. Bar: Data (**height or length**) shows values

e.g., number of students who choose each country, i.e., **Malaysia: 350 students** etc.

2. X-axis: Categories

e.g., countries, years, etc.

3. Y-axis: Values or Quantities

e.g., number of..., percentages, dollars, etc.

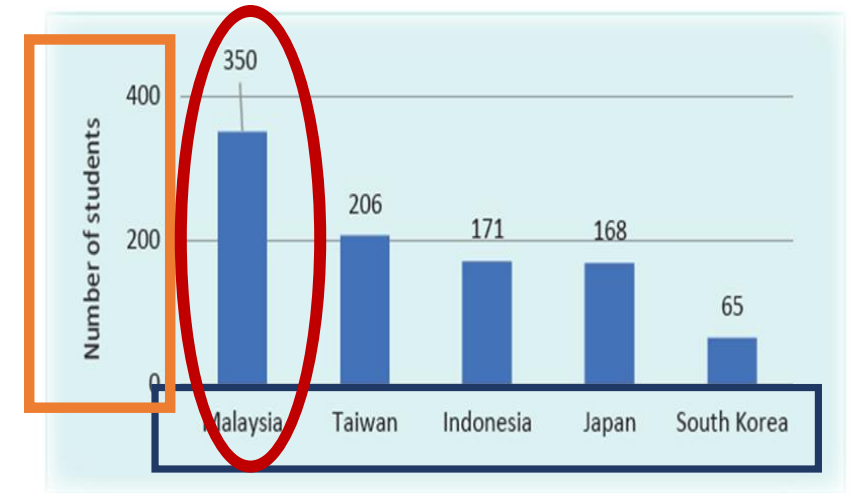


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How to describe a bar chart (1)

Topic



Provide an overall picture

Highest and **lowest** categories



Describe the bars with figures

Describe and **compare** the bars using **exact numbers**

How to describe a bar chart (2)

- **Step 1: Introduce** the chart by stating its **topic**.



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Useful phrases (choose one)

1. This bar chart **compares...**
2. This bar chart **shows / illustrates...**
3. The figure **presents** information about...

Your sentence.

How to describe a bar chart (3)

- **Step 2: Provide an overall picture: highlight the highest and lowest categories.**



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Useful phrases (choose one)

1. **Overall, _____ has the highest figure, whereas _____ has the lowest.**
2. **In general, _____ shows the largest number of students, while _____ shows the smallest.**

Your sentence.

How to describe a bar chart (4)

- **Step 3: Describe and compare bars using exact numbers.**

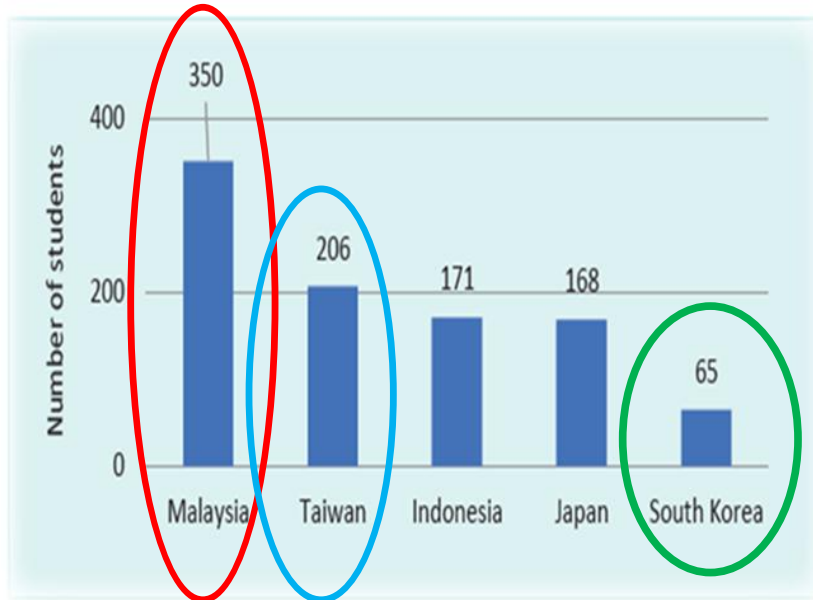


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Useful phrases (choose one)

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| 1. | Country X ranks first / second with _____ students. In contrast, Country Y ranks last with _____ students. |
| 2. | Country X has _____ students, followed by Country Y with _____ students. |
| 3. | Country X has _____ students, which is more / fewer students than Country Y with _____ students. |

Work with your partner to make your sentence.



SPEAKING TASK

Practice

Pair work.

1. Switch partners: **A & F, B & D, C & E**
2. Take turns describing the bar chart using your sentences.
3. When your partner describes the chart, you evaluate his / her performance.

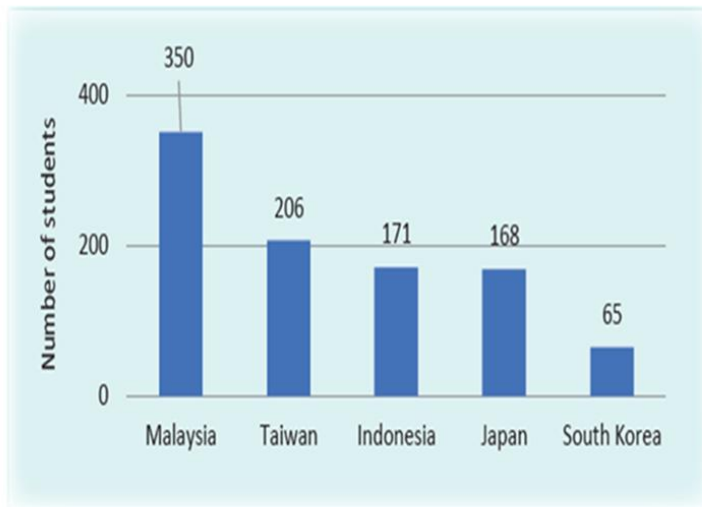


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In your description, you must include:

Step 1: Introduce the chart.

Step 2: Give the overall picture

Step 3: Describe and compare the data with exact numbers.

Peer Evaluation Sheet

Partner: _____

Step 1: Introduction

(Check ✓ the parts your partner included)

- ☐ Used a correct starter (e.g., *This bar chart shows...*)
- ☐ Mentioned the topic of the chart

Step 2: Overall Picture

- ☐ Highlighted the highest and lowest categories
- ☐ Used linking words (*overall, in general, whereas, while*)

Step 3: Describe & Compare with Exact Numbers

- ☐ Gave at least **two exact numbers**
- ☐ Made at least **one comparison** (*more/fewer, followed by, higher/lower*)
- ☐ Used a sentence frame correctly

Language Use

- ☐ Clear pronunciation
- ☐ Easy to understand
- ☐ Good speed (not too fast)

Model Answer

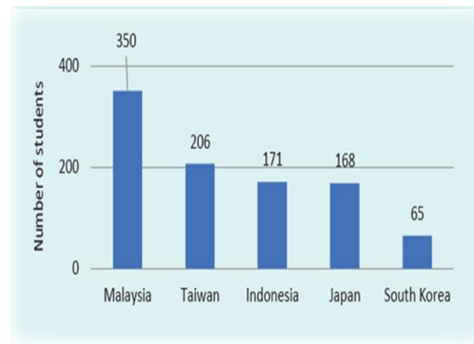


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This bar chart **compares** five Asian destinations, Malaysia, Taiwan, Indonesia, Japan, and South Korea, among U.S. students. **Overall, the highest number of** U.S. students chose Malaysia as the most popular destination, **whereas the lowest number of** students chose South Korea. **Furthermore**, among the five countries, Malaysia **ranks first** with 350 students, **followed by** Taiwan with 206. **In contrast**, only 65 U.S. students chose Korea, so the country **ranks the last** among the five destinations.



Class Dismissed!

