

TV Watching at Anyschool National School

(The following sample shows real data from a Co. Clare National School).

- 55% of pupils watch TV for 1-2 hours each day
- 7% watch TV for 2-3 hours each day
- 23% watch TV for 3-4 hours each day
- 7% watch TV for more than 4 hours each day
- Twenty-nine percent of all pupils watch 5 or more TV programmes per day
- Sixty-one percent of pupils have a TV of their own

The above data can be used to create bar charts, and might be used to illustrate the concept of percentages. Questions might include: "29% of children in our school watch more than 5 TV programmes per day - how many children is this?". Teachers might like to round up figures where appropriate. Reference should be made to the health/performance effects of watching too much TV (which can be found on the RedBranch website).

Almost one-third (30%) of all pupils at Anyschool N.S. watch TV for 3 hours or more each day. This is equal to:

- Twenty one hours of TV every week, or
- Three and a half full days watching TV per month
- Almost 46 full days watching TV per year

Children can calculate how many days per year/month they watch TV based on the initial information (3 hours or more per day). Possible questions might include:

- If you watch TV for 3 hours per day, how many hours per week do you watch TV?
- How many hours per month?
- How many days per month? (introduces long-division)