

Ice cream Activity

Look at this table of data.

Country	The average consumption of ice cream per person per year in litres
USA	22.0
Sweden	14.9
Denmark	9.1
UK	8.4
Switzerland	8.0
Ireland	7.5
Netherlands	6.9
Germany	6.5
Belgium	6.3
Italy	5.2
France	4.9
Austria	4.8
Spain	4.1
Greece	3.8
Portugal	2.9

Figure 1 How much ice cream do we eat?

Look carefully at the numbers in the table. See if you can find a pattern in the amounts of ice cream eaten?

- Is it to do with hot countries?
- Is it to do with big countries?
- Is it to do with people on holiday?
- Is it to do with countries that have a high standard of living?

Draw a bar chart to show what the amounts tell you.

Now talk about these ideas with your classmates...

- In what countries would you have predicted most ice cream gets eaten?
- When do you eat ice cream?
- Do people eat ice cream as a food or to keep cool?
- Can you think of reasons for the differences between countries? Are you surprised by what you have found out?