

Reading tables 1

A table is a way of writing information in rows and columns.

The table below shows the average temperature highs and lows in Jamaica (measured in degrees centigrade) each month.

Month of the year	Average daytime temperature °C	Average nighttime temperature °C
January	30	19
February	29	20
March	30	21
April	31	21
May	31	22
June	32	23
July	32	23
August	33	27
September	32	23
October	32	23
November	31	22
December	31	21

Extracting information from tables

You could be asked questions about this table. To find answers you should read along the row and down the column. Usually you'll only need to find the correct information in the table and give a report, although you could be asked to make a calculation using information in the table.

Examples

Which month of the year had the highest average daytime temperature in Jamaica?

- Reading down the Average daytime temperature column, you can see that **August** has a temperature of 33°C.

What is the difference between the highest average daytime temperature in December and the lowest average nighttime temperature in December?

- Here you will need to find the row for December and look across to get the lowest and highest temperatures for that month, then subtract the lowest temperature from the highest temperature to find the difference: $31 - 21 = 10^{\circ}\text{C}$.