Reading tables 2

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) during each month of the year.

Month	Average highest temperature °C	Average lowest 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 and interpreting 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 are the five hottest months of the year?

• Reading down the Average highest temperature column, **June to October** (32°C, 32°C, 33°C, 33°C, 32°C) are the hottest.

Some of the months have the same average highest and lowest temperatures. Give an example.

• Both **April** and **December** have the same average highest temperature at 31°C and the same average lowest temperature at 21°C. So do **September** and **October**.