# Florence Nightingale and Maths



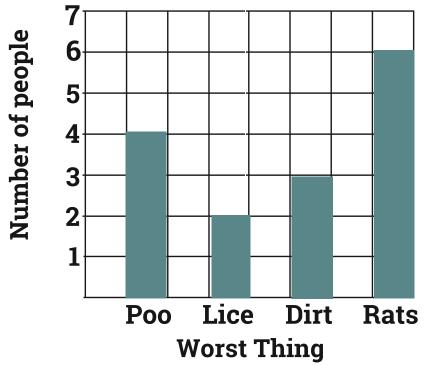
Florence Nightingale loved maths. She was very good at a type of maths called Statistics.

#### In statistics information is gathered and sorted so you can work out what it means. For example:

Today I want to know what people think was the worst thing on the floors at Scutari Hospital. I started by asking 15 people and they said:

Person 1: Rats Person 2: Poo Person 3: Poo Person 4: Rats Person 5: Dirt Person 6: Lice Person 7: Rats Person 8: Rats Person 9: Poo Person 10: Lice Person 11: Dirt Person 12: Dirt Person 13: Rats Person 14: Poo Person 15: Rats

With my data gathered I now need to sort it. I colour one square above each answer for each person that said it, 2 people said 'Lice' so I colour 2 squares above 'Lice'.



Which thing did people think was the worst?

(the more squares coloured- the more people chose it!)



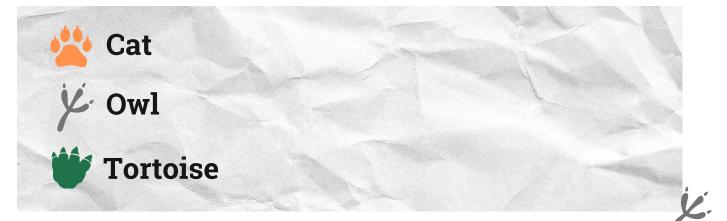


#### Have a go yourself!

### This time lets look at Florence Nightingale's pets

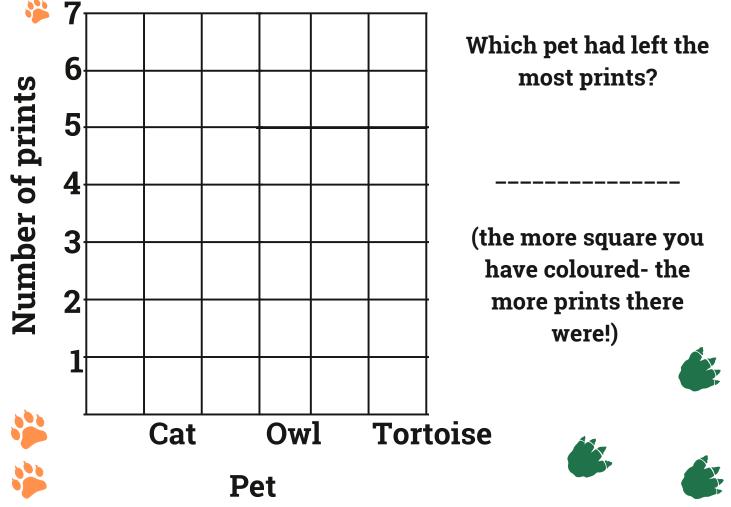
First find your information:

On this page there are lots of animal prints from owls, tortoises and cats- start by counting them:



With your data gathered you now need to sort it.

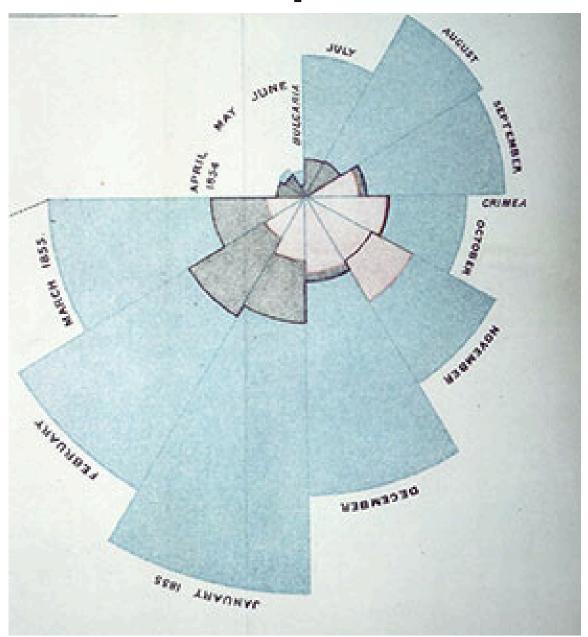
Colour one square above each animal for each of its prints you have counted.



## **Statistics**



#### This is Florence Nightingale's most famous graph. It was to show the different ways soldiers had died at Scutari Hospital.



**Can you understand what the graph is showing:** Which colour is there the most of: blue, pink or grey?

Most of the soldiers were dying of diseases at the hospital- so which colour means disease?

## **Statistics**



Florence Nightingale's work was so important she was invited to join a special group called 'The Royal Statistical Society'. She was the first woman to be allowed to join.

Can you design a special badge for The Royal Statistical Society to wear- celebrating maths?