

Ill health and Social Class

Sociology skills

- Analysis of table and chart

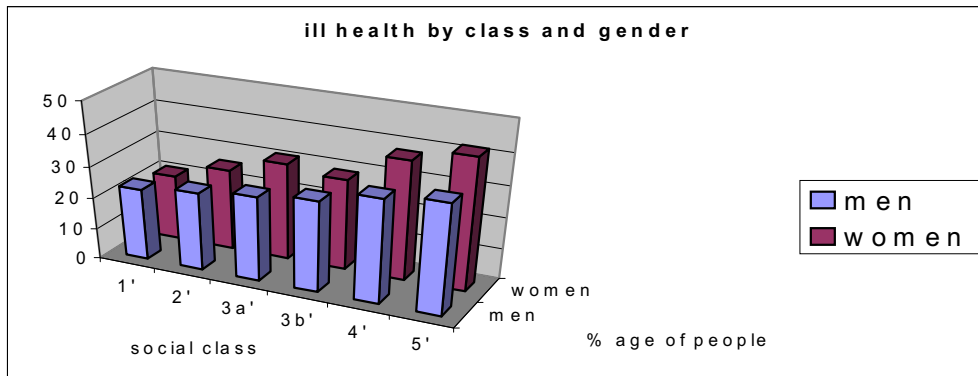
Key skills

- Communication
- Application of number

Stimulus materials

Long term ill health and social class

% age suffering illness	1	2	3a	3b	4	5
males	23	25	27	29	33	35
females	21	26	31	29	38	42



Understanding the stimulus

1. What percentage of males in social class 1 suffer ill health?
2. What percentage of females in social class 1 suffer ill health?
3. In which social class is ill health most common?
4. Why do people in social class 1 suffer less ill health than people in social classes 4 and 5? Brainstorm a variety of reasons.
5. The table and the chart show exactly the same information. Which gives you the overall pattern of information most quickly? Explain your answer.
6. The table and the chart show exactly the same information, which do you find easiest to use to gain exact factual information from? Explain your answer

Development and Revision

1. What is the sociological meaning of the term 'life chance'?
2. What illnesses do you think are most common in social class 5? Give reasons for your views.