

CEFR Companion Volume implementation toolbox

# Classroom activity: Mediating texts – Explaining data in speech or in writing

<b>Title: Research results</b>	
Language:	English
CEFR Level:	B2/C1
Target group:	students at university or in vocational training
Purpose:	Mediating texts / explaining data
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## Goals of the activity:

- transforming data presented in graphs, charts or diagrams into a spoken and written text;
- describing, commenting and interpreting salient points.

## 0. Introduction

Students are asked to prepare an article on their research topic and need to get familiar with ways of presenting and explaining data.

## 1. Warm-up

The activity starts with a discussion on ways of presenting data in charts and diagrams, different types of diagrams and their purposes and the language used for describing trends.

## 2. Task 1: Reading a literary review and analysing graphs and charts – preparation

Students read a fragment of an academic article which summarises previous research in the field and is accompanied by the data shown in charts and diagrams. They are asked to focus on the way the data is presented in the graphic form.

## 3. Task 2: Interpreting the information shown in diagrams and charts

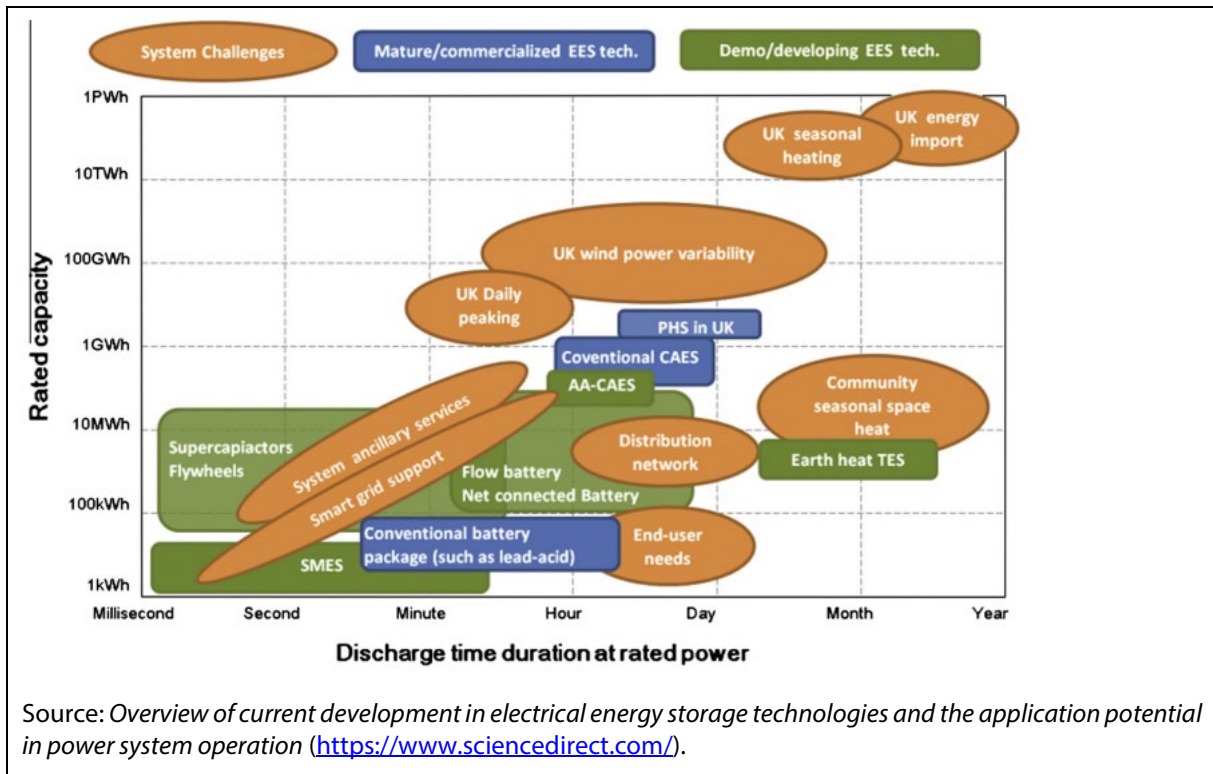
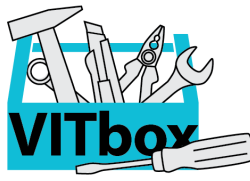
The students are asked to interpret and discuss the information presented in the article's diagrams. They are also asked to evaluate their usefulness and the efficiency in presenting information. They are encouraged to think about alternative ways of data presentation.

## 4. Task 3: Peer feedback and class discussion

The activity may be followed with a class discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of the graphs and diagrams in the article.

## 5. Task 4: Implementing newly gained skills in students' own research and writing

Students are then invited to prepare diagrams and/or charts of their own research data and present and describe it in a scientific paper.



Descriptors: CEFR level B2

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Descriptors: Can interpret and describe reliably (in Language B) detailed information contained in complex diagrams, charts and other visually organised information (with text in Language A) on topics in their fields of interest.	

Descriptors: CEFR level C1

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