# Basic Introduction to Infographic

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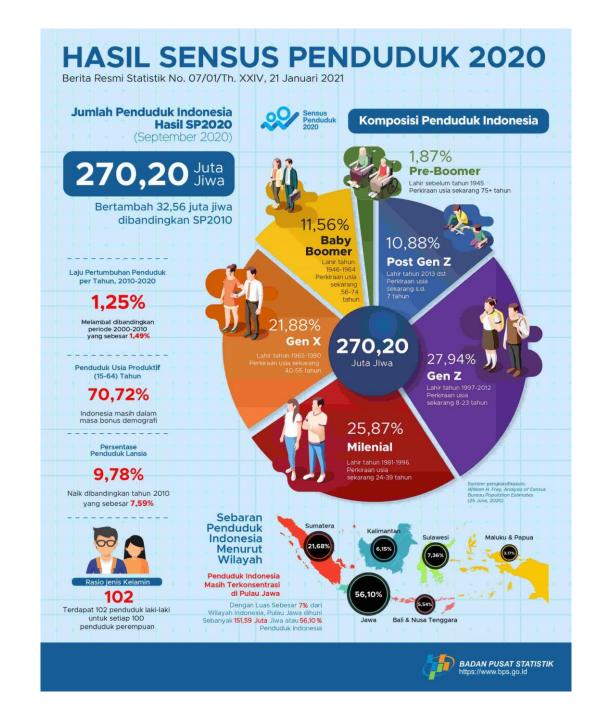
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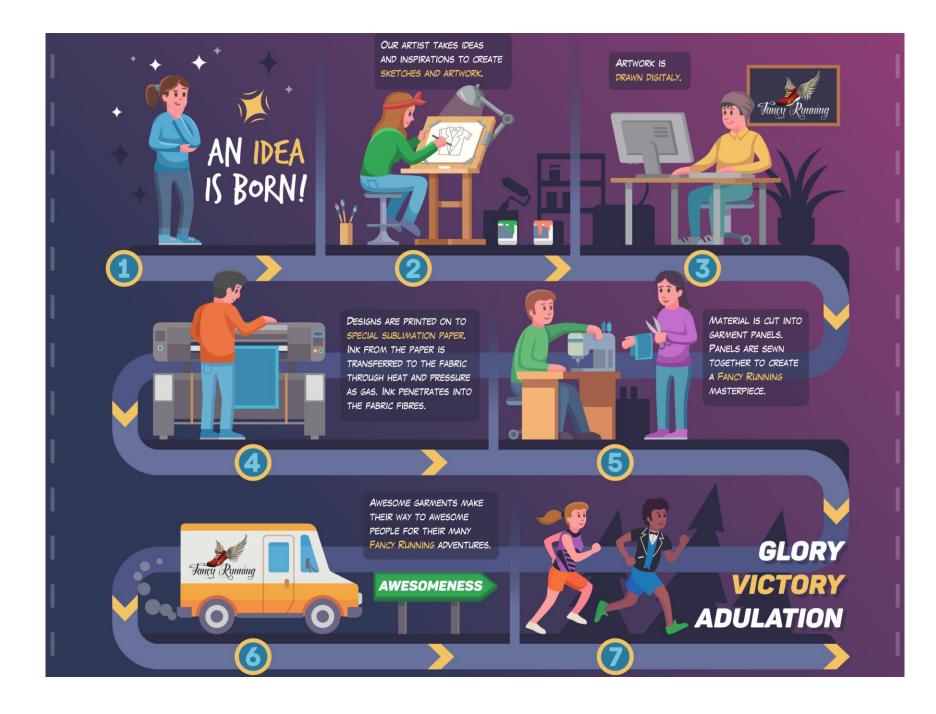
An effective infographic not only conveys valuable information in a convincing manner, but it also **narrates a story worth telling** 



## 2 It takes your eyes on a **predefined journey**

You can be sure of one thing: if a reader's gaze is darting from one end of your infographics to another, trying to figure out where to look next, then it is probably lacking structure and visual hierarchy

The mark of a good infographic is its effectiveness in communicating a message



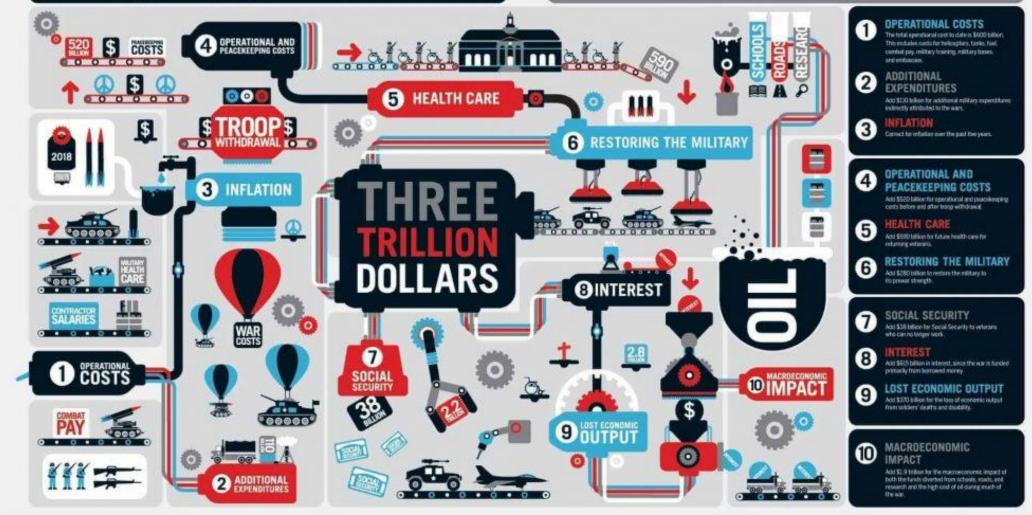
## YOU At some point you may come back to read this line or maybe not. WILL READ THIS FIRST

### And then you will read this line next.

You will go back to read this body copy if you want to know more. It takes the most effort to read because it has a lot of text in a small font in a light weight with tight line spacing. Many people will skip paragraphs like this unless if they aren't engaged right away. This is why it's important to draw attention to your message using visual hierarchy. You'll probably read this before the paragraph.

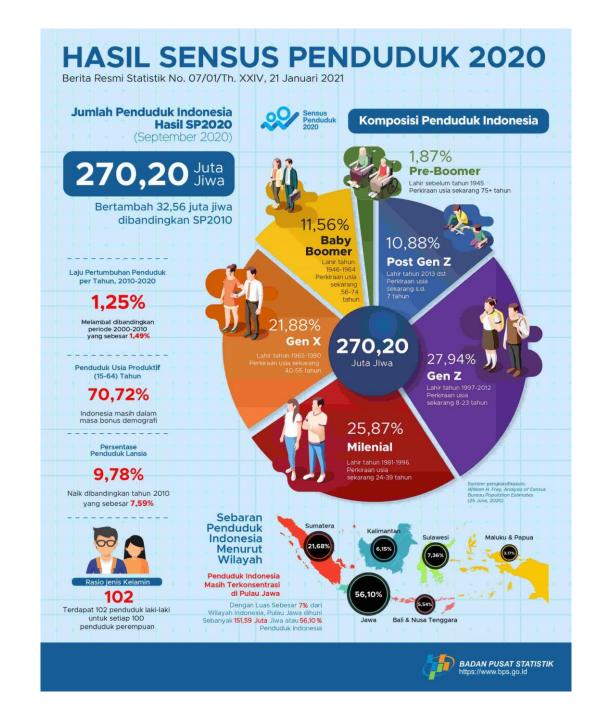
#### THE THREE-TRILLION-DOLLAR WAR ITS COST IN TEN STEPS

In 2003, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld estimated that a war with Iraq would cost \$60 billion. Five years later, the cost of Iraq War operations is more than 10 times that figure. By the time the United States leaves Iraq, the estimated cost of war will be more than \$3 trillion.



Watch the \$3 triflion war unfold in a video at www.good.it.

SOURCES The Three Tritlein Dollar Worky Joseph E. Stight2 and Linda J. Bitmes, War at Any Price? The Total Economic Cost of the War Beyond the Federal Badget by the Joint Economic Connectee Majority Shaft





If you have a lot of textual information to present, it's best **to organize your infographic into sections so it is easier to read and scan** 





#### Do something impulsive.

Do something impulsive that you haven't planned every day. It's better to have no plan so we can seize the opportunities that may arise.



#### Exercise at least 10 minutes a day.

Exercising has an influence on your brain, on your mood, on your ability to reflect and on your health.



#### Learn something new.

Learning helps to create new connections in your brain and to come up with new ideas and new opportunities.



#### Have rituals.

We are less who we are than what we do. Do 3 things that you love every day. As a result, feeling the gratitude will help you better sleep. Better sleep helps to be in a better mood. A better mood helps to make better decisions.



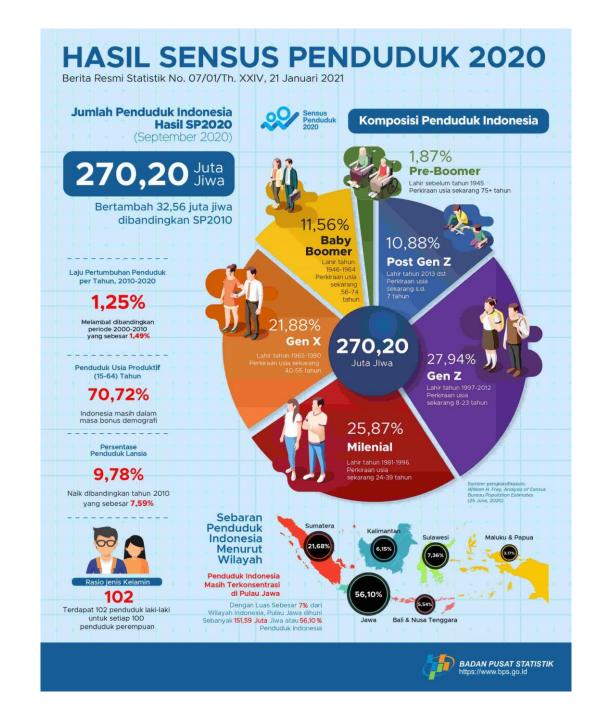
#### Take breaks.

Prevent burnouts by stopping what you are doing and do something else. Create a different atmosphere, add some novelties in your daily routine.

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## 4 It sends one key message

One way to gauge whether your infographic meets this criterion is to **ask someone who wasn't involved in the creation process to explain it to you** 

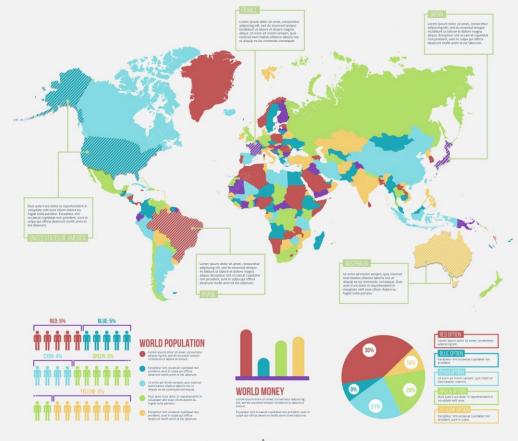




One of the big pluses of using an infographic is the **added visual appeal** that makes it stand out from textual content

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#### INFOGRAPHIC WORLD MAP

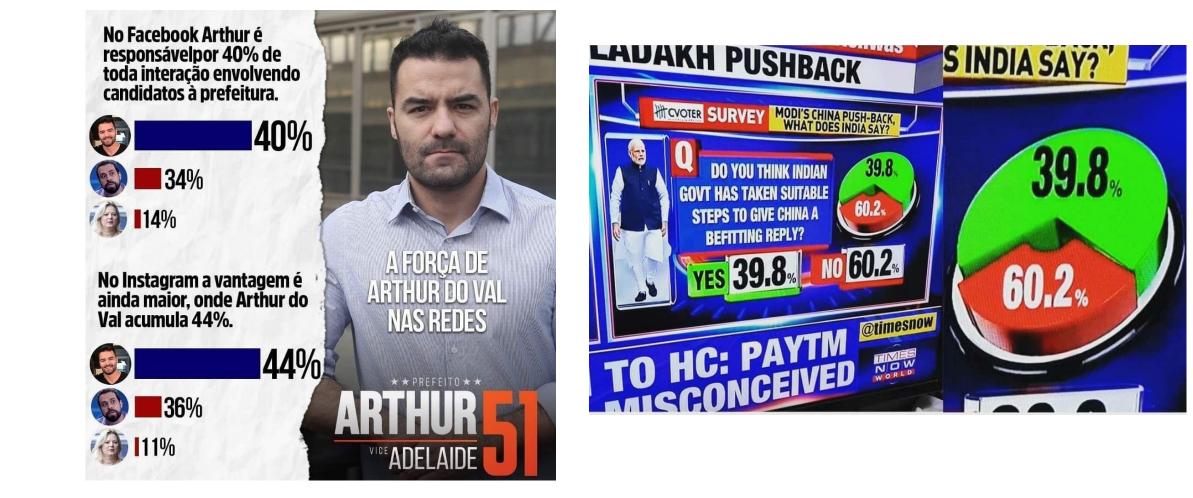


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## 6 It is accurate and well-researched

One of the worst infographic sins you could commit is misleading readers with inaccurate or incomplete information

You must handle information responsibly and give useful tips based on widely agreed-upon facts



Types of infographics



## **Mixed Chart**





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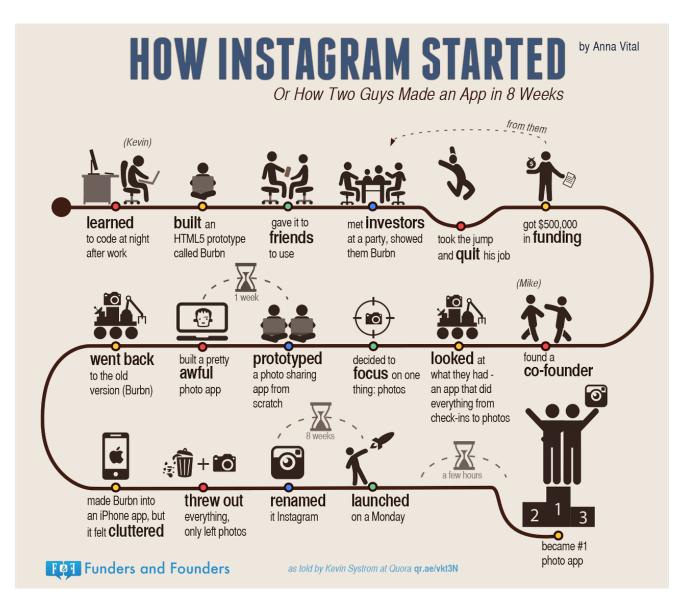
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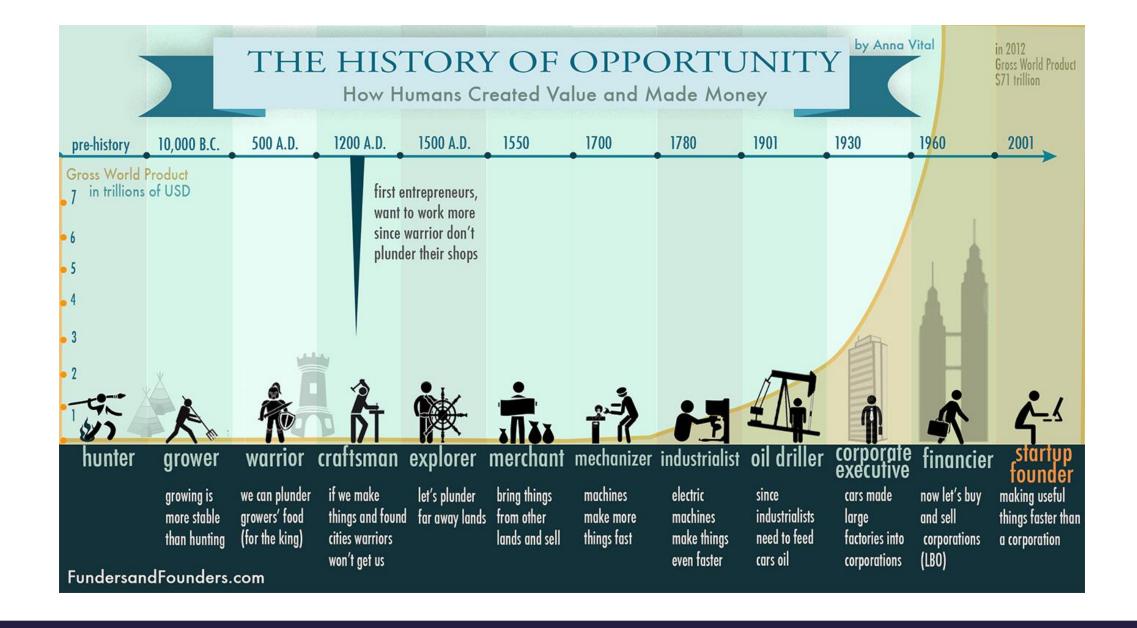
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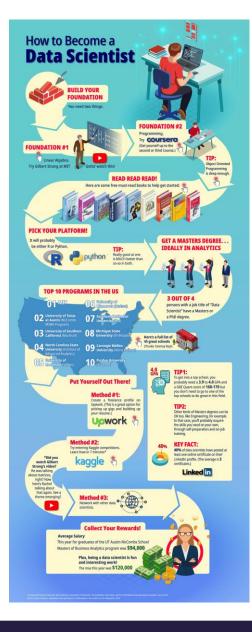
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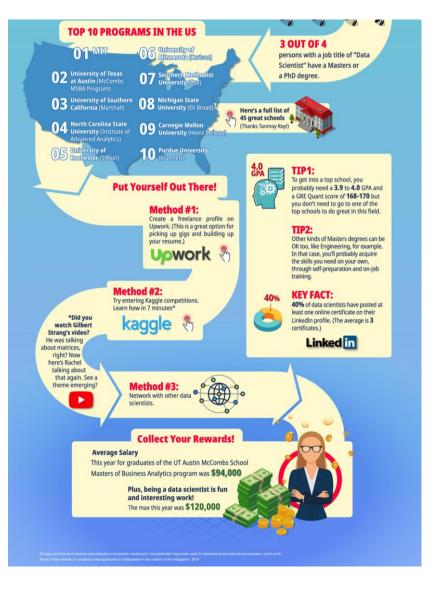
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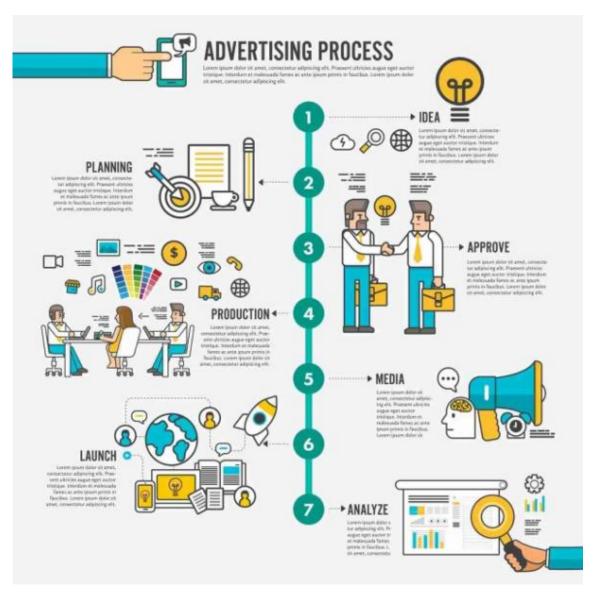




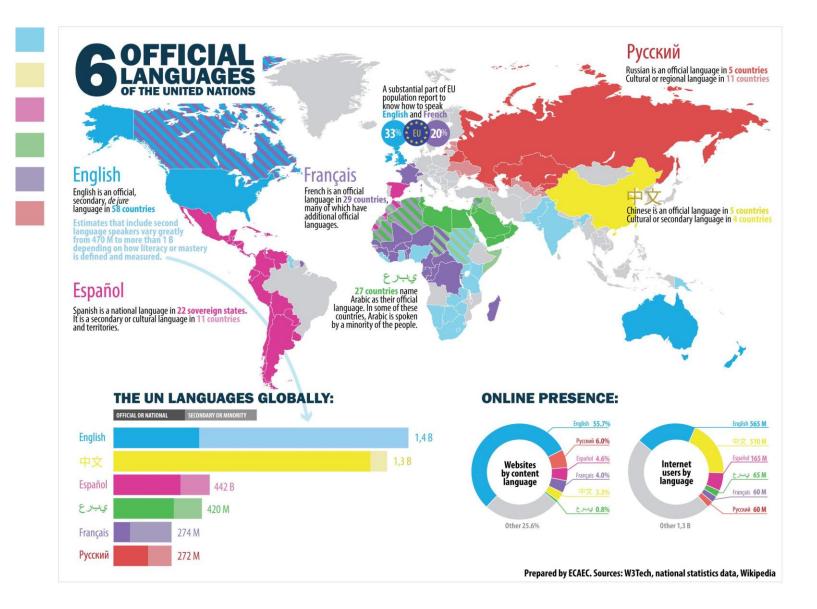


How to





## Process



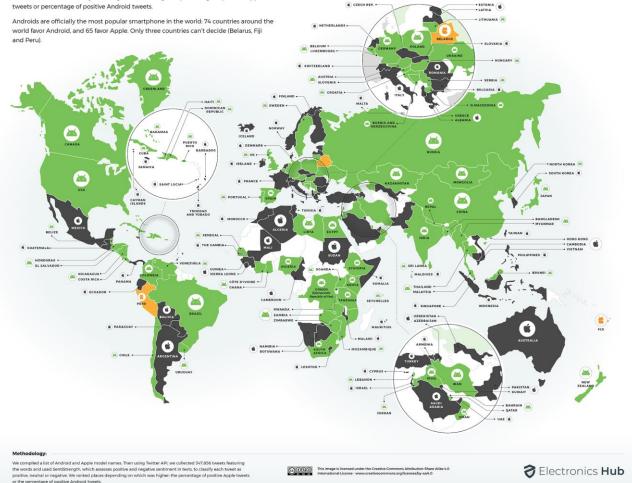
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## Android <u>Apple</u> Phones

#### WHICH DOES THE WORLD LOVE MOST?

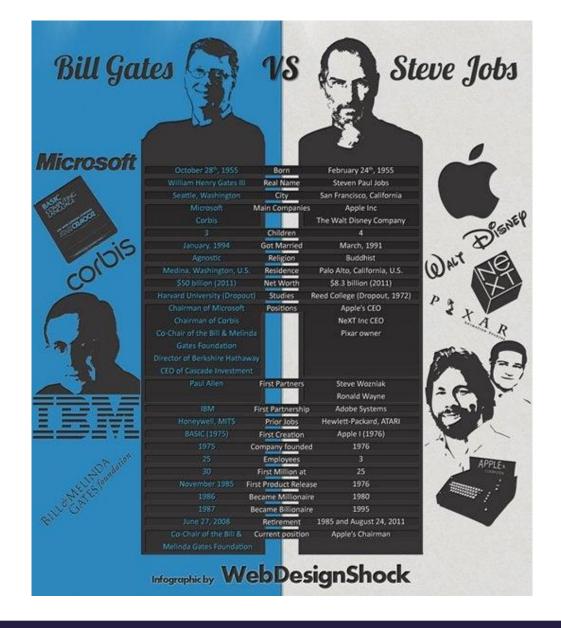


We used an academic language sentiment tool, called SentiStrength, to classify over 340 thousand geotagged tweets about Android or Apple phones as positive or negative. Then we ranked each location by which figure was the highest: percentage of positive Apple tweets or percentage of positive Android tweets.

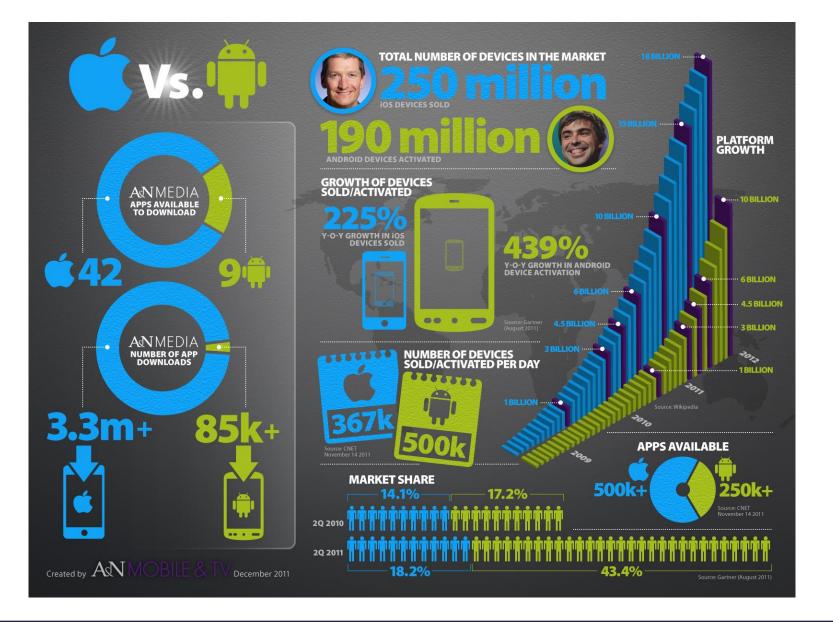


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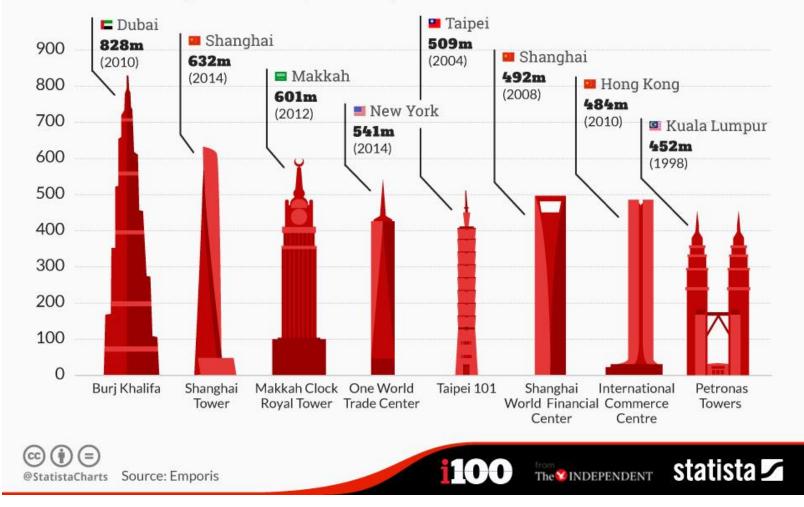
Comparison



Comparison

#### One World Trade Center is the world's fourth tallest building

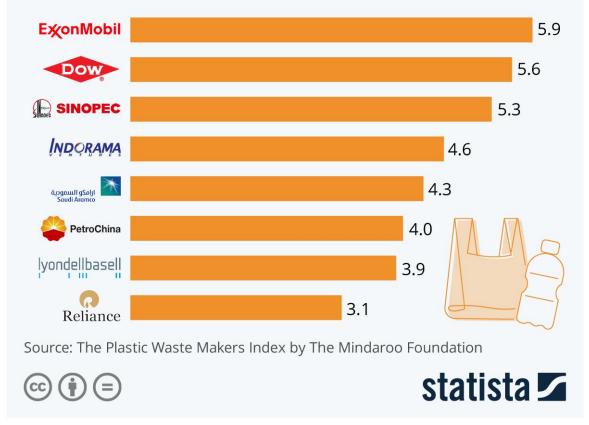
The tallest buildings worldwide (in metres)



Single chart

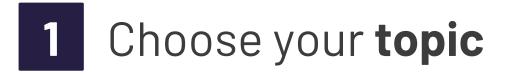
### The World's Biggest Single-Use Plastic Waste Producers

Companies contributing the most to single-use plastic waste in 2019 (million metric tons)



## Single chart

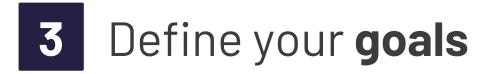
Steps to creating an infographic



The process for creating a shareable infographic is a lot like the process for writing an effective piece of communication. You probably **started by organizing your ideas**, then identifying a thesis statement and arguments to support it

## 2 Define your target audience

Who are you communicating to? Business executives? Millennials? Stay-at-home moms? Your answer to this question will set the tone of your copy and the overall mood of your visual theme



Ask yourself: **what exactly do I want to achieve with this infographic?** Here are a few objectives you may have:

- · Reveal hidden trends and patterns using data
- . Raise awareness of a specific issue of cause
- Create a comprehensive, go-to visual resource on a topic
- . Compare two or more products or concepts
- Translate a story



Nowadays, many of the infographics created for marketing purposes area **published online**, which saves a lot of time and resources

But if your objective is to translate a **report** into a print infographic that can handed out at a meeting, then you'd have to consider factors such as the dimensions of your infographic file format and image resolution

# 5 Find the right **information**

If you still have to investigate and shift through data to find the **right information**, start by consulting these possible sources:

- Recently published survey or polls
- Newly released reports
- · Press releases
- · Proprietary company data
- . Academic studies
- Interviews with experts
- · Your own informal surveys using online form

# 6 Find the story in the data

Now comes the part where you **"interview" your data to find a story worth telling**. By asking many questions, you will obtain various interpretations of the same data instead of simply sticking with your first reading

#### **COMPARE VALUES**



#### SHOW THE INDIVIDUAL PARTS THAT MAKE UP A WHOLE



Pie chart



#### Stacked bar

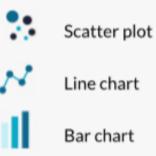


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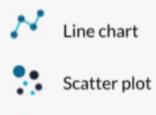
#### ANALYZE TRENDS

Line chart

UNDERSTAND HOW DATA



#### COMPREHEND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DATA SETS

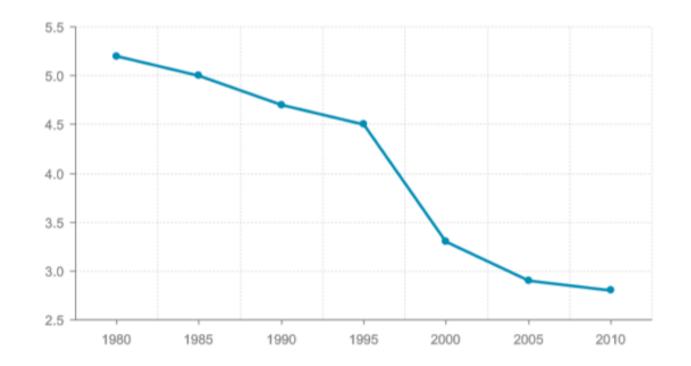






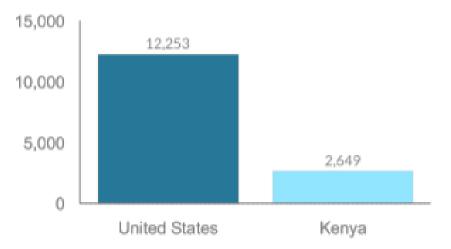
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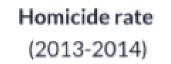
Divorces and Annulments per 1,000 people

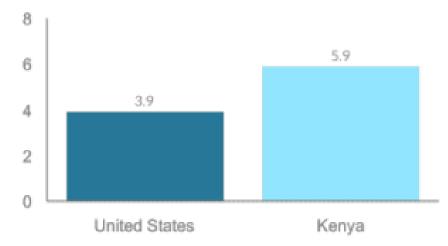


### **Comparisons** between items

Total number of homicides per year (2013-2014)



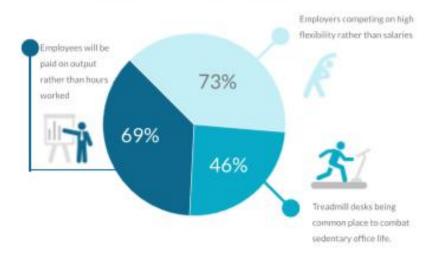




### **Composition** of a whole

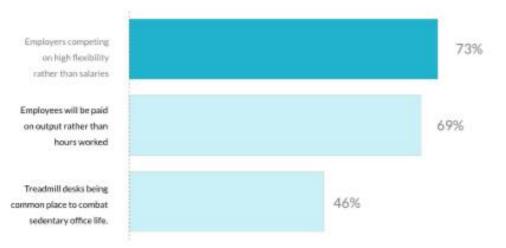
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#### **Biggest Future Changes in the Workplace**

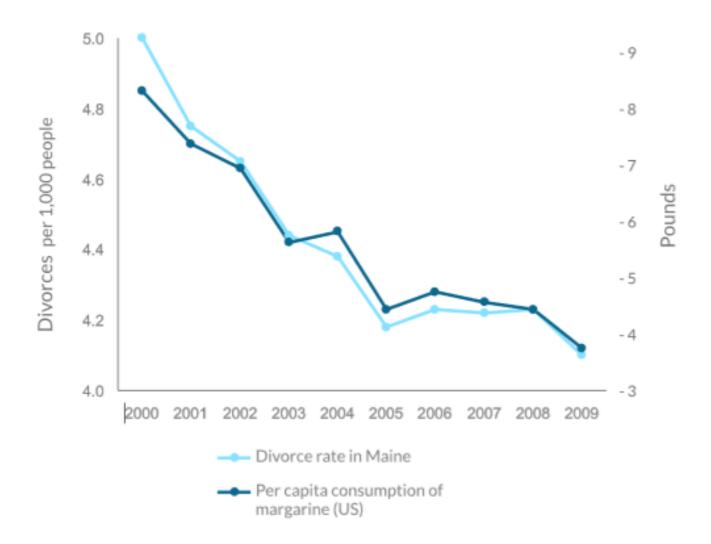


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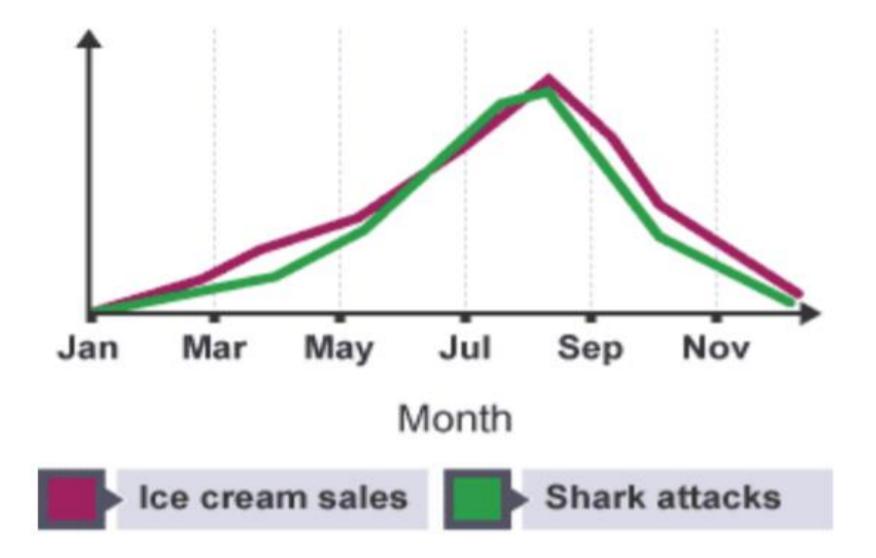
#### **Biggest Future Changes in the Workplace**



#### **Relationship** between two or more variables

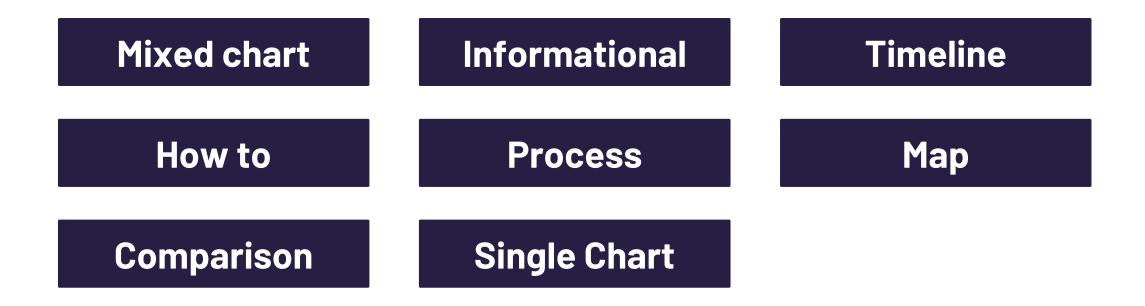


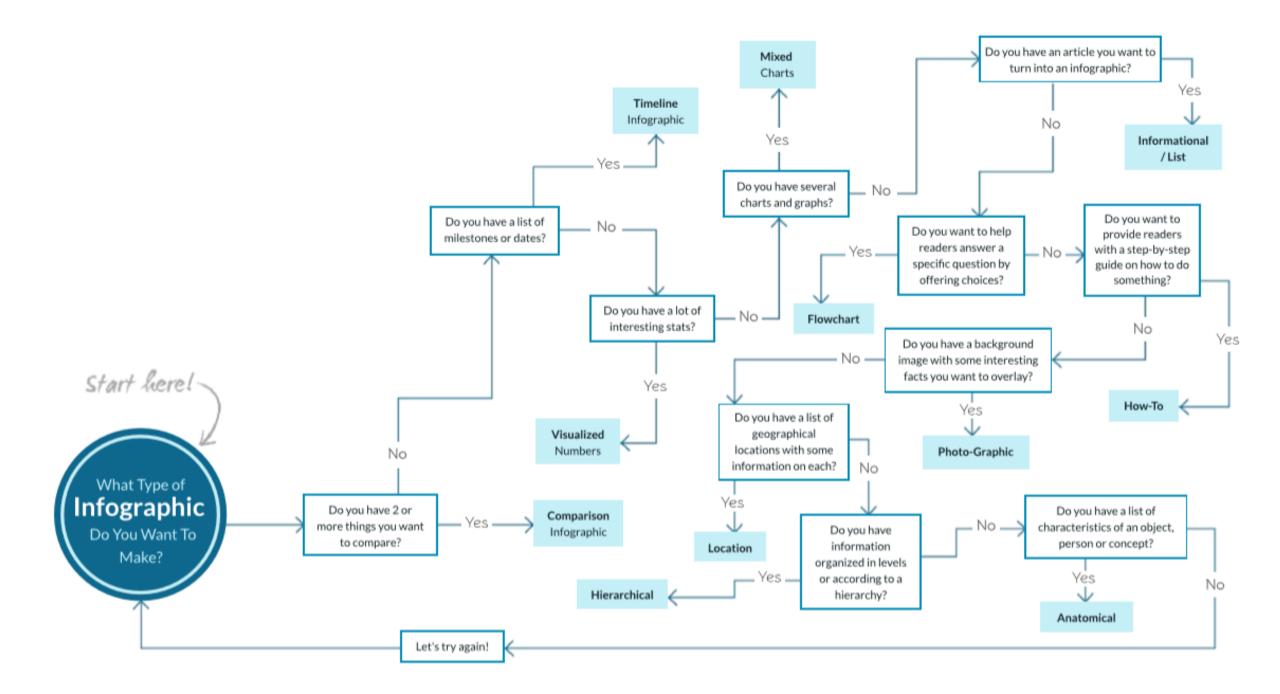






## 7 How to choose the **right** type of infographic







To do this, consider your answer to the questions

- . Who is your **audience**?
- . What is your **primary purpose**?
  - to educate, entertain, inspire or persuade
- . What is your **thesis statement**?

Then, try to sum up the main message of your infographic in just a sentences

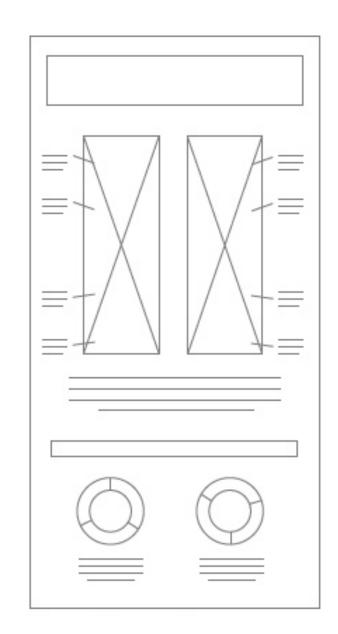
"Find the surprise in your data and add it as the title."

Swizec Teller



Now comes the part where you start **translating your text into visual elements**. Make sure to include the following in your wireframe:

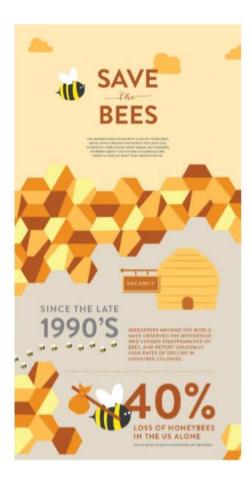
- Placement of titles, subtitles and introduction
- · Placement of highlighted stats and figures
- Rough sketches of charts and graphs
- . Rough sketches of illustrations or icons



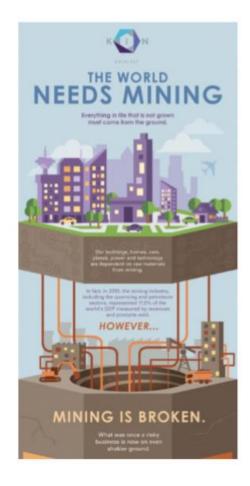
Tips for designing the infographic



### Deciding on a **visual theme**



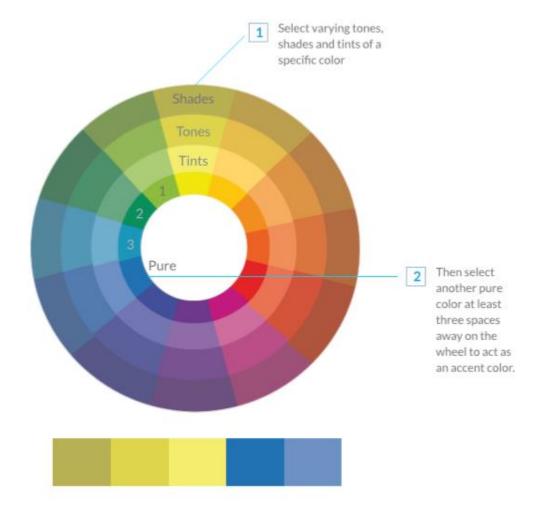






### Choosing a color scheme





### Choosing a **color scheme**



Keep it simple



The 60-30-10 rule



### Choosing a **font combinations**

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Old Standard TT	Ubuntu	Exo	Josefin Sans
<b>PT Mono</b>	<b>Colaborate</b>	<b>Lobster</b>	<b>Ubuntu</b>
Open Sans Condensed	Titillium	Lato	Source Sans Pro



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## Font pairing made simple

Generate font combinations with deep learning

Click (Generate) to create a new font pairing, (Lock) to lock fonts that you want to keep, and (Edit) to choose a font manually. The text is editable, try replacing it with your company name or other copy.

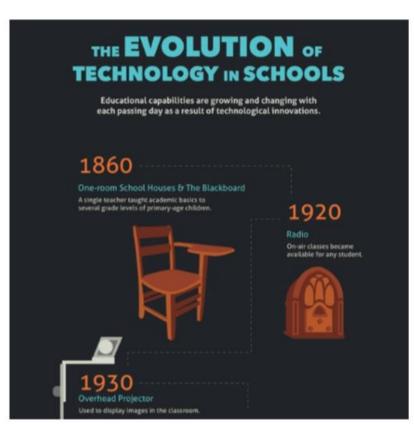
The goal of font pairing is to select fonts that share an overarching theme yet have a pleasing contrast. Which fonts work together is largely a matter of intuition, but we approach this problem with a neural net. See Github for more technical details.

https://fontjoy.com/

### Choosing a font combinations



Achieve contrast and create visual hierarchy by varying the point size between the different fonts for headlines, subtitles and body text



Assign a role to each of the fonts used. For example, you can use the same font for subtitles, another for the body text, a third font for data explainers, and so on

### Choosing a **font combinations**



Pair a distinct font that has a lot of personality with a more neutral one



### CHOOSE A PROVIDER

There are many mailing list providers out there, but by far the most popular for beginners, due to the ease of setting it up and because it's free to use up to your first 2000 subscribers, is MailChimp.

#### 02 CREATE YOUR LIST

To begin with, you can just create one master list that everyone goes on. You can start segmenting your list, or creating multiple ones, once you get more confident or your business grows to need it.



#### Stick to two-max three-combinations



### How to use and select the **right icons**



Replace names and titles with icon



Use icons in graphs and charts

### How to use and select the **right icons**



Pair icons with fonts

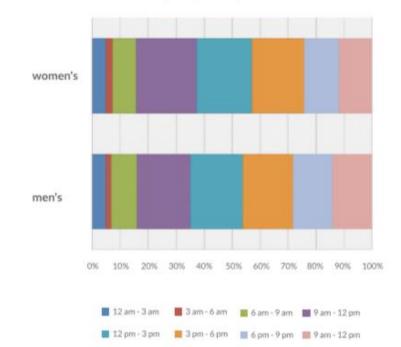
Pair icons with color palette

Stick with one icon style

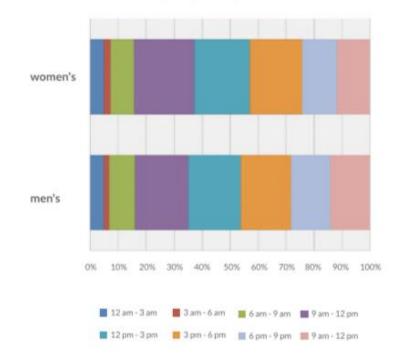




#### When do people buy on our website?







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#### WHEN DO PEOPLE BUY ON OUR WEBSITE?

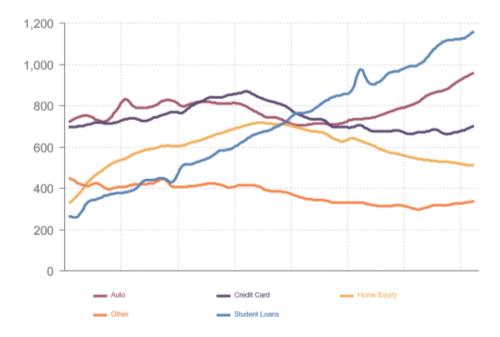


Source: Good Charts

Ask yourself, "can this be summarized?" If certain details are not essential, then consider summarizing certain elements by grouping them into broader categories

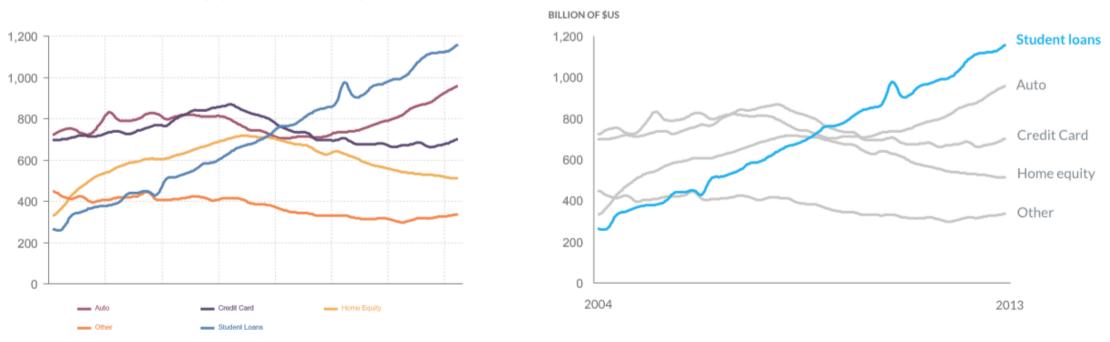


#### Non-Mortgage Debt Outstanding





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After

NON-MORTGAGE DEBT OUTSTANDING

Push all chart elements to the background by applying a light grey color. Then go through the most important of these elements and use different design techniques to make them stand out, such as making the size bigger, making certain lines thicker, applying color, adding data explainers or labels, among others

Before

#### SCREEN TIME IN THE U.S.

NUMBER OF HOURS PER DAY

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2013

2014

2015

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2010

2011

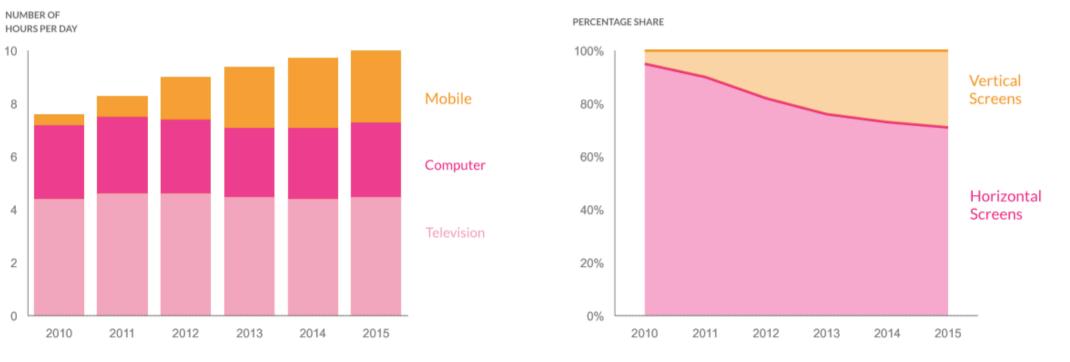


Computer

Television

Before

#### SCREEN TIME IN THE U.S.



TIME BY ORIENTATION

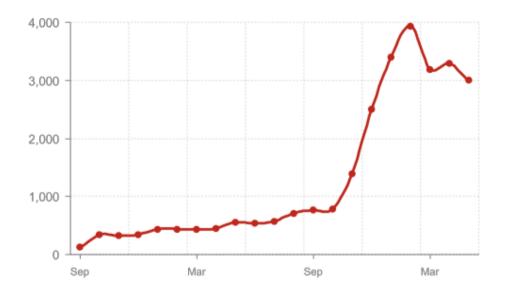
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Use only two to three colors to highlight the most important points. Use grey for the rest of information

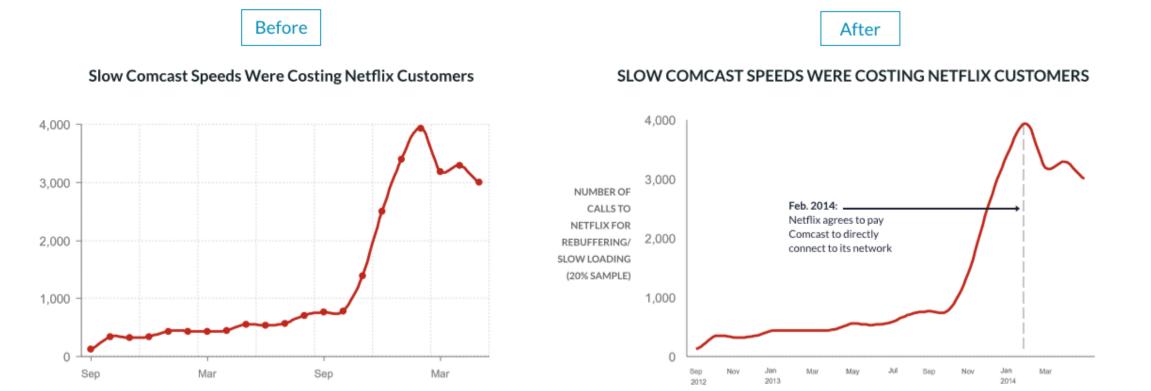


## Before

## Slow Comcast Speeds Were Costing Netflix Customers





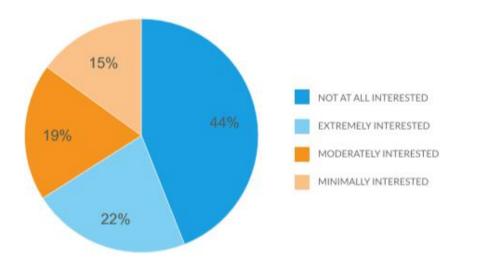


When possible, do away with chart gridlines and borders



# Before

## How Interested Are You In This Product?







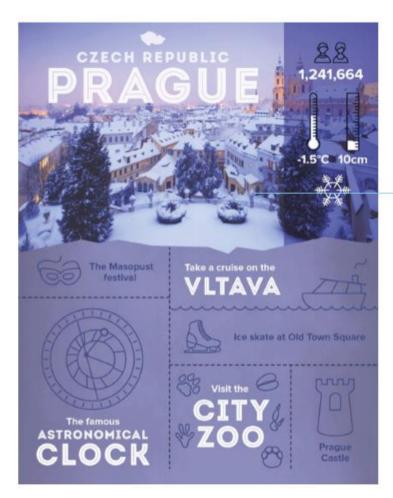
In order to limit eye movement from one end of the chart to another, eliminate legends when possible and instead label segments, lines or bars directly



# How to choose **background images**



Graphic elements are superimposed over images to create a simple yet attractive visualization.



Images of European cities are used to create a look and feel evocative of scenic white winters.

# How to choose **background images**

Rules to keep in mind when combining images with text and other graphic elements:

## CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ALGORITHM



#### 1. IT MUST STOP AT A CERTAIN POINT.

If the task is to make a cake, the algorithm is a cake recipe where you are instructed on what to prepare, what to mix, what oven temperature to set, and when to stop baking to produce a perfectly made cake.

#### 2. IT MUST HAVE WELL-DEFINED INSTRUCTIONS WITH SPECIFIC STEPS.

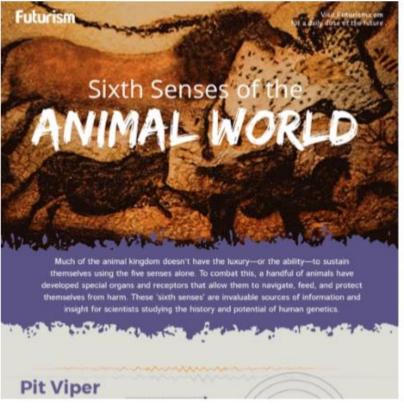
If the task is to locate the park, the algorithm is a set of directions which will clearly explain what to do and where to go to reach the park.



#### 3. IT MUST BE EFFECTIVE IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM IT WAS DESIGNED TO SOLVE.

If the task is to build a toy plane, the algorithm is an instruction manual which will guide you on which parts to put together to end up with a fully-assembled toy.

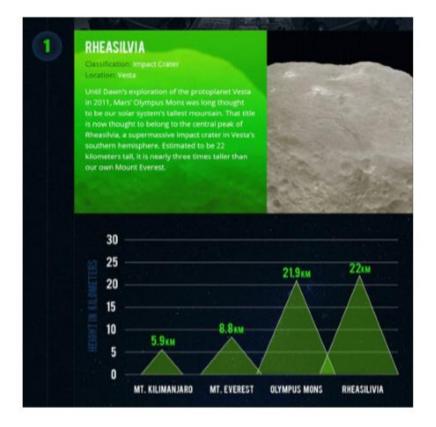
Choose images that evoke the right emotions. Well-chosen photos speak volumes all on their own



Use fonts that reinforce the mood and message of your background image

# How to choose **background images**

Rules to keep in mind when combining images with text and other graphic elements:



Make text readable. One way to do this is to place text inside shapes and frames to make it stand out against the background image



Use a degree of transparency to create a more uniform surface for typography and apply text colors that provide sufficient contrast with the background



## How to choose **section dividers**



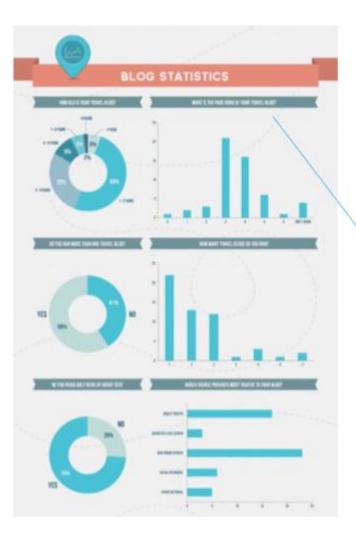
#### Colors

Alternate colors for each section. Stick to two-max three-colors and, when suitable, use tones, shades and tints of the same hue.

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Here, the reader's gaze is directed by arrows that are extensions of the different blocks.

# How to choose **section dividers**



## Ribbons

Ribbons, both flat ones and others with a bit of depth, are commonly used in infographics.



## Numbers

One of the most commonly used ways to segment your infographic is to use numbers to separate each section.





# Final thoughts





Go back and **proofread** 



Ask others for **feedback** 

