Basic Introduction to Infographic

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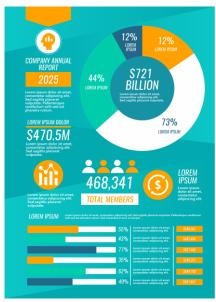
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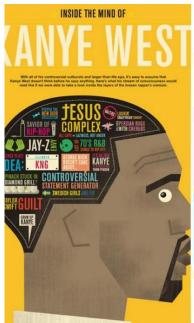
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What is an infographic?



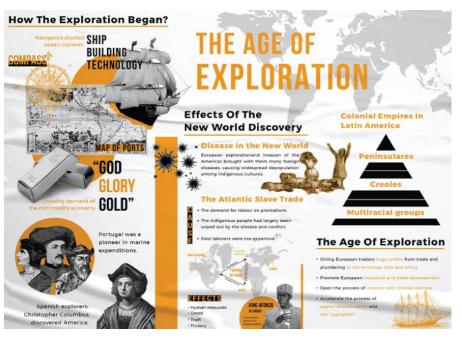








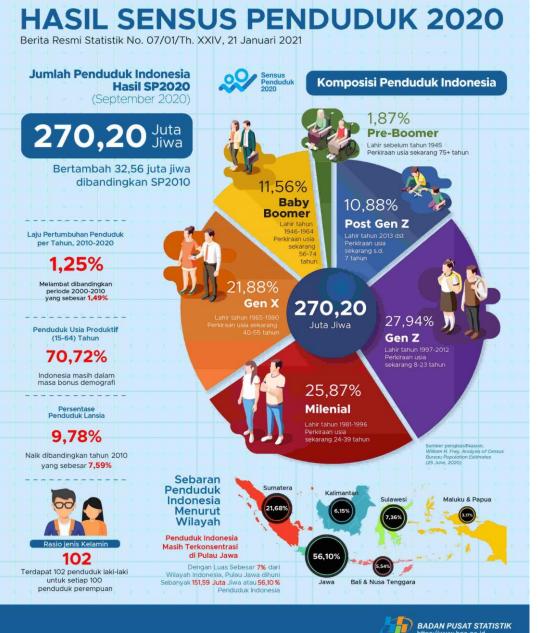




What makes a good infographic?

1 It tells a **story**

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



At some point you may come back to read this line or maybe not.

And then you will read this line next.

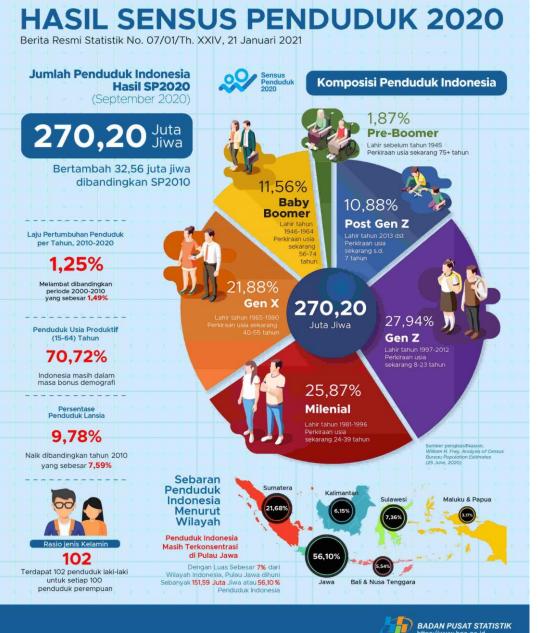
You will go back to read this body copy if you want to know more. It takes the most effort to read because it has a lot of text in a small font in a light weight with tight line spacing. Many people will skip paragraphs like this unless if they aren't engaged right away. This is why it's important to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







3 It is well structured

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

5 TipsTo Keep Your Chin Up





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.



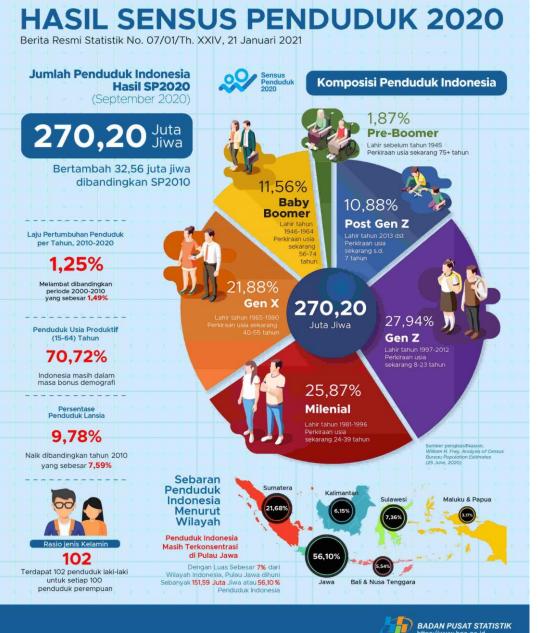
Take breaks.

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

Source

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

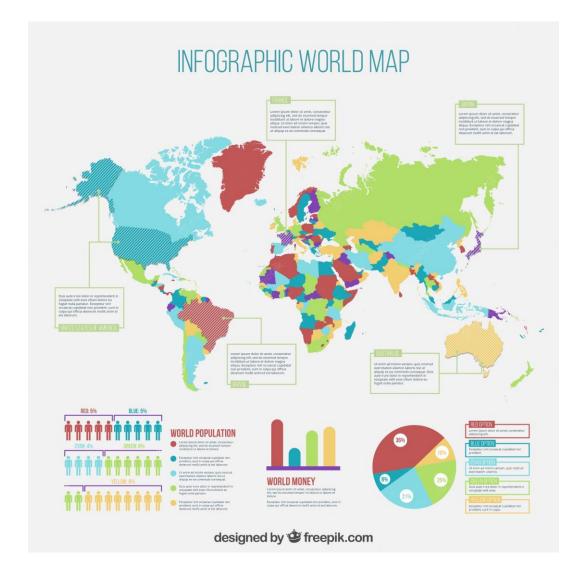




5 It is visually appealing

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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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

EAT HEALTHY. BE HEALTHY. SAVE.

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans can help.

We're in the red.



BILLIONS Spent in medical cost of dietrelated chronic diseases.²







8 in 10 Americans think advice about what to eat is conflicting.³















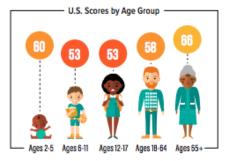
Healthy eating can help... but first, we need to do it.





The Healthy Eating Index Score

shows that Americans do not align their eating choices with the Dietary Guidelines. (on a scale from 0-100)



What's the return on our investment

Each step closer to eating a diet that aligns with the **DIETARY GUIDELINES** reduces risk of: ⁴









If we invest \$10/person each year toward improving nutrition, increasing physical activity, and preventing tobacco use —

THAT COULD **SAVE** THE UNITED STATES

\$16,000,000,000

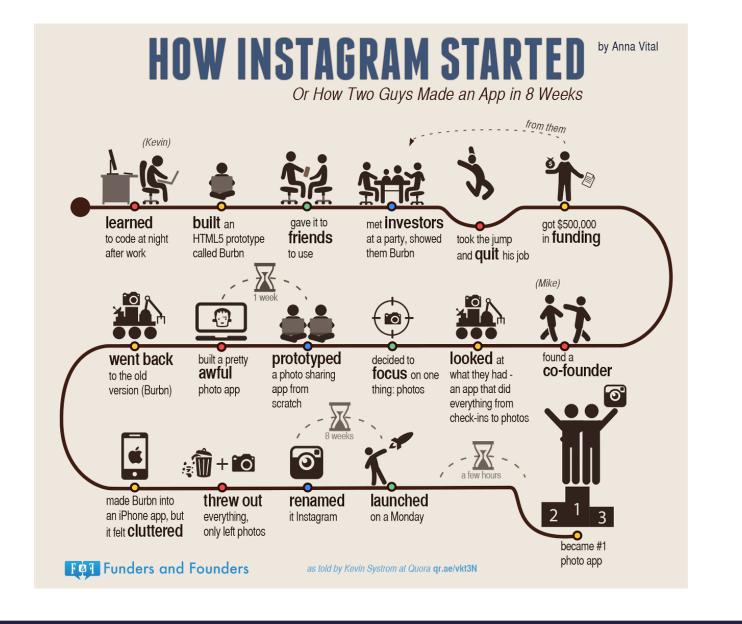
annually within five years



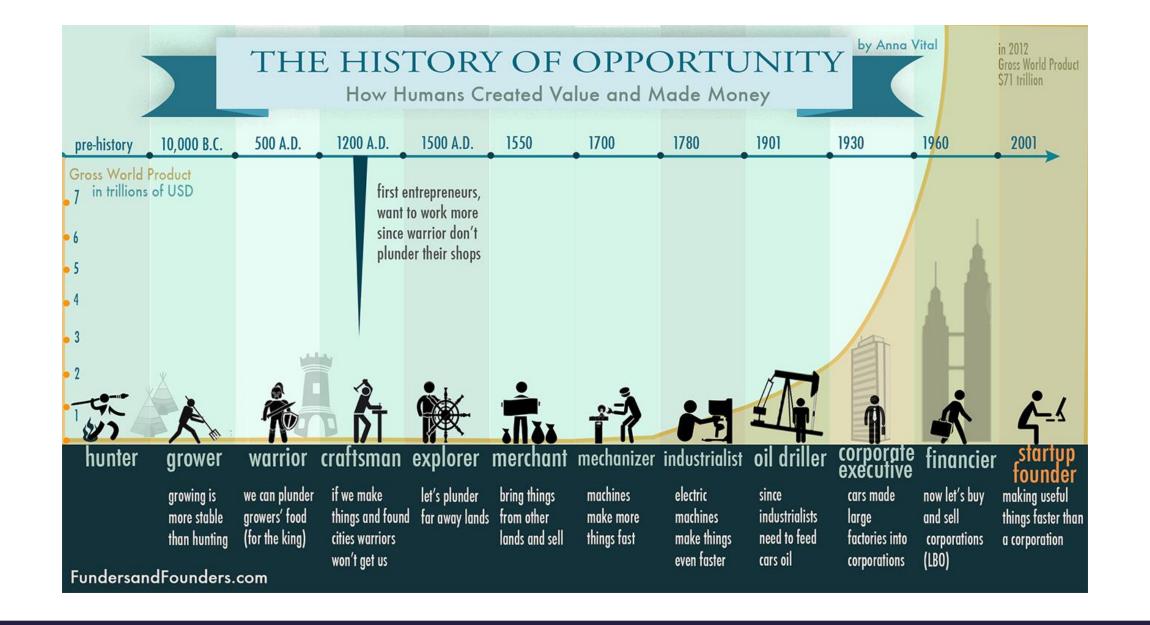
Mixed Chart



Informational

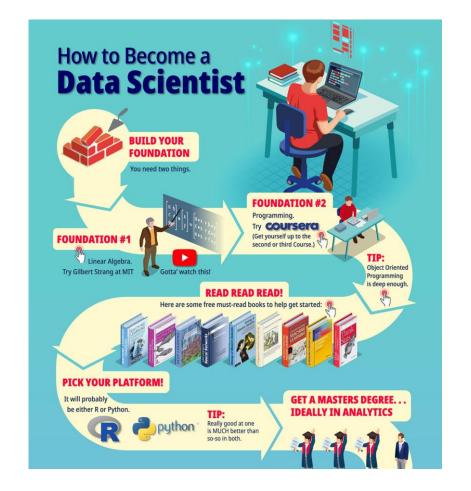


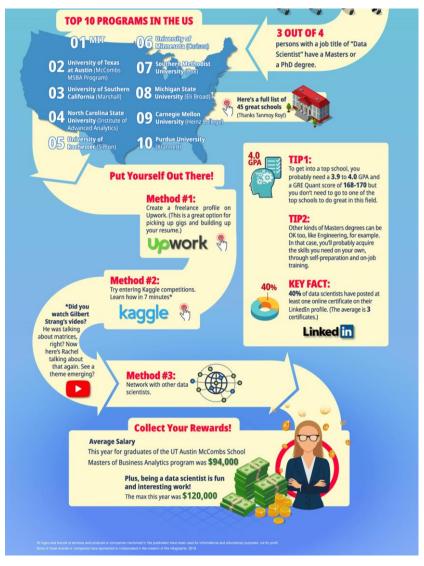
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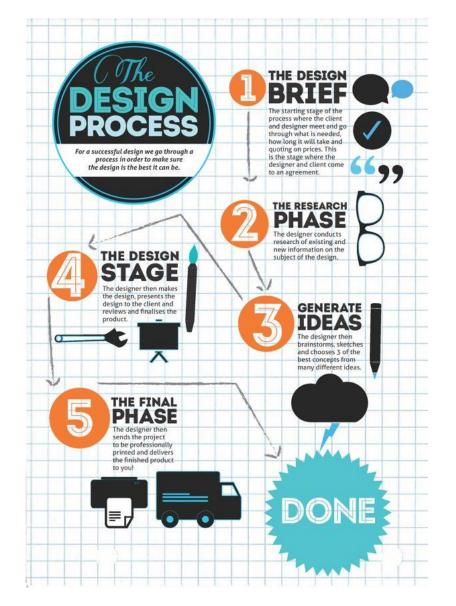


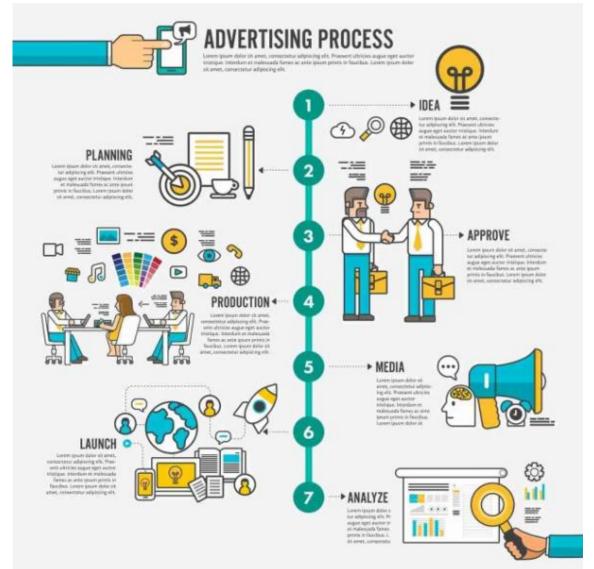
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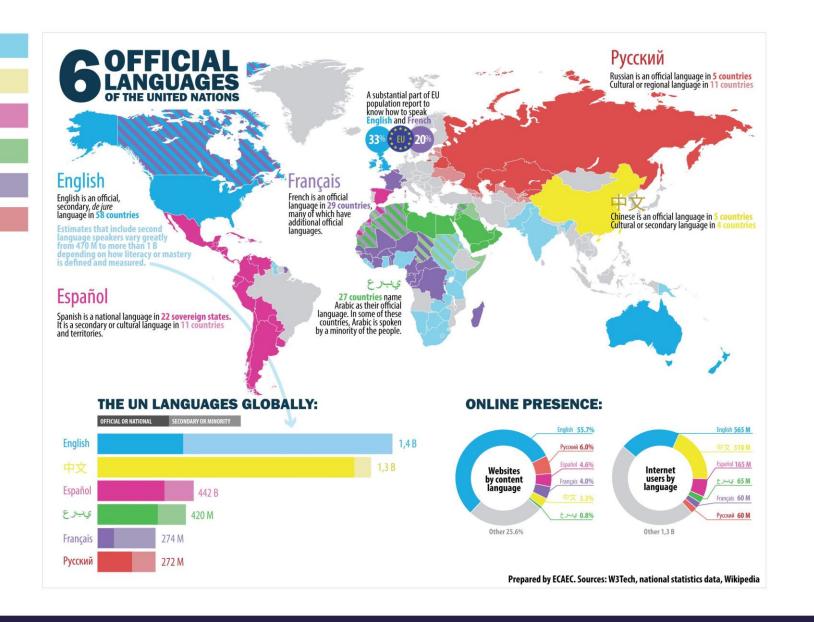








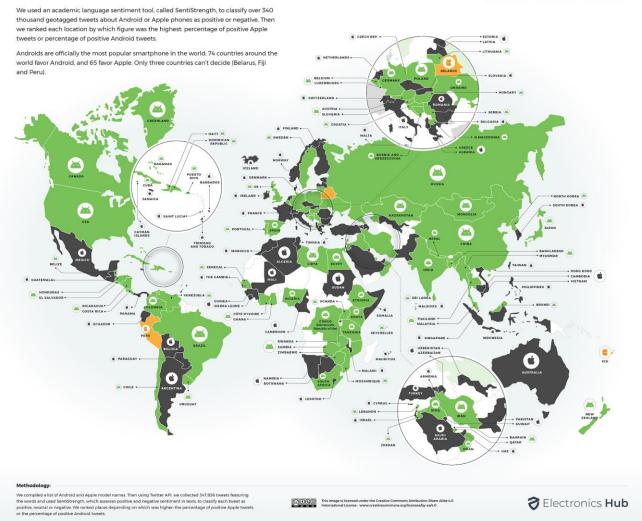
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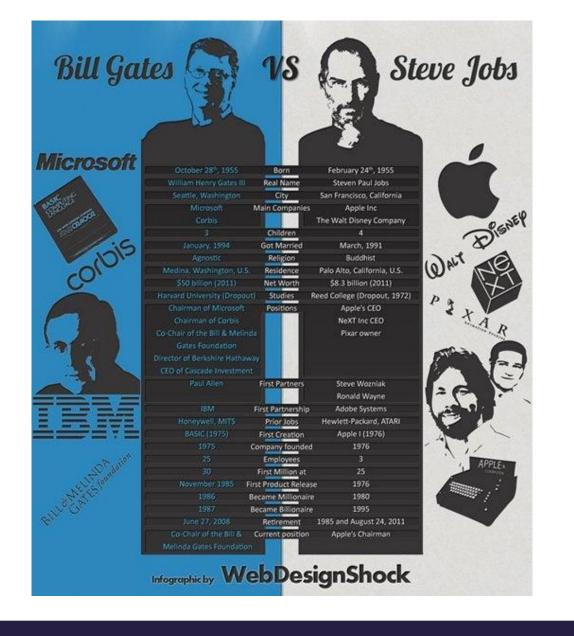


Android S Apple Phones

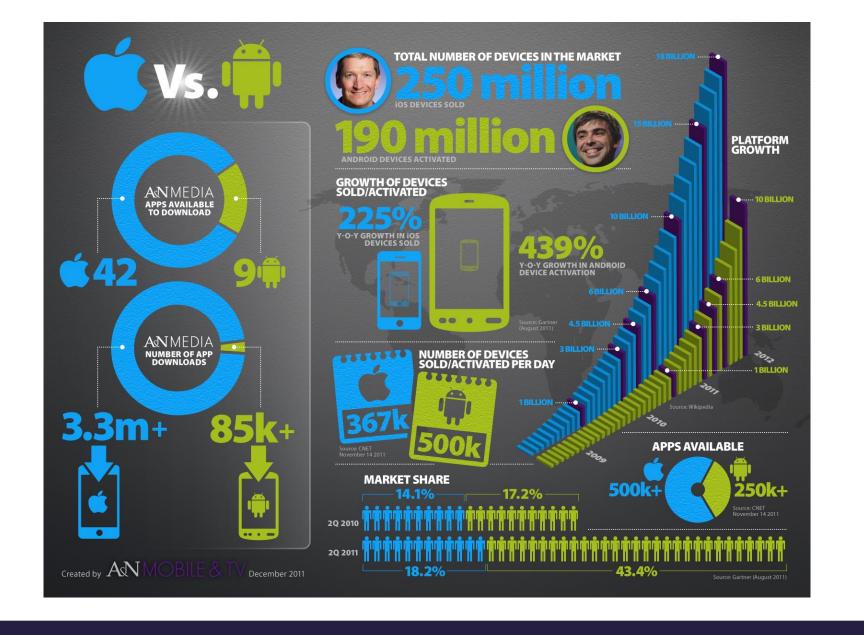
WHICH DOES THE WORLD LOVE MOST?







Comparison



Comparison



Single chart



Single chart

Steps to creating an infographic

1 Choose your topic

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

3 Define your goals

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

4 Define the medium

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

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



Bar chart



Line chart

SHOW THE INDIVIDUAL PARTS THAT MAKE UP A WHOLE



Pie chart



Stacked bar



Stacked column

ANALYZE TRENDS



Line chart



Bar chart

UNDERSTAND HOW DATA IS DISTRIBUTED



Scatter plot



Line chart



Bar chart

COMPREHEND THE RELATIONSHIP **BETWEEN DATA SETS**





Scatter plot



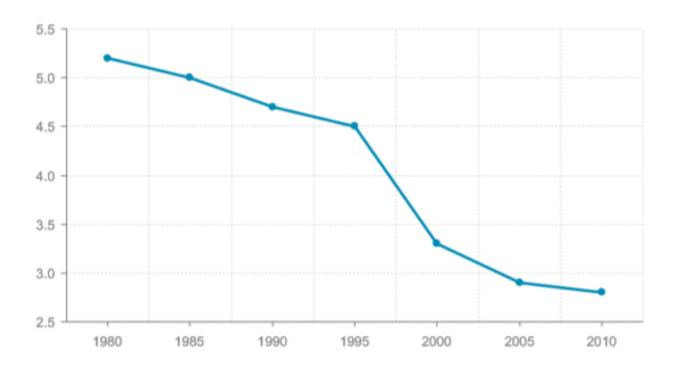
Bubble chart

Trends over time

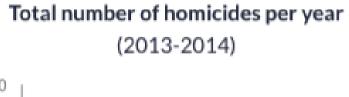
America's Divorce Rate

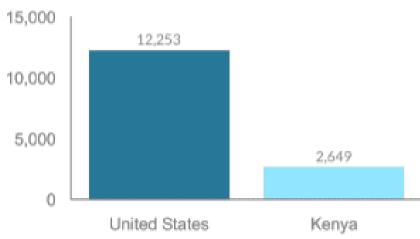
(1980-2010)

Divorces and Annulments per 1,000 people

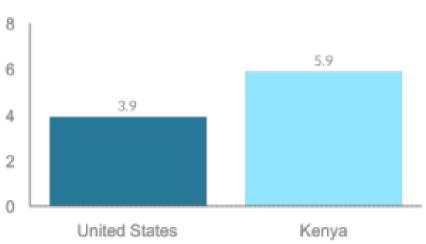


Comparisons between items





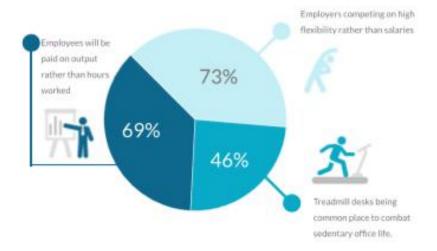
Homicide rate (2013-2014)



Composition of a whole

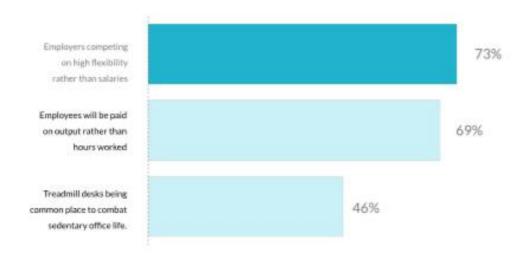
BEFORE

Biggest Future Changes in the Workplace

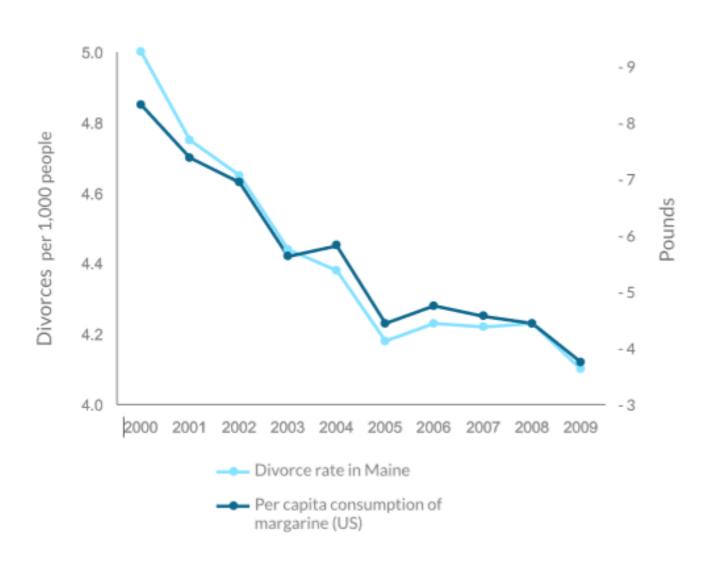




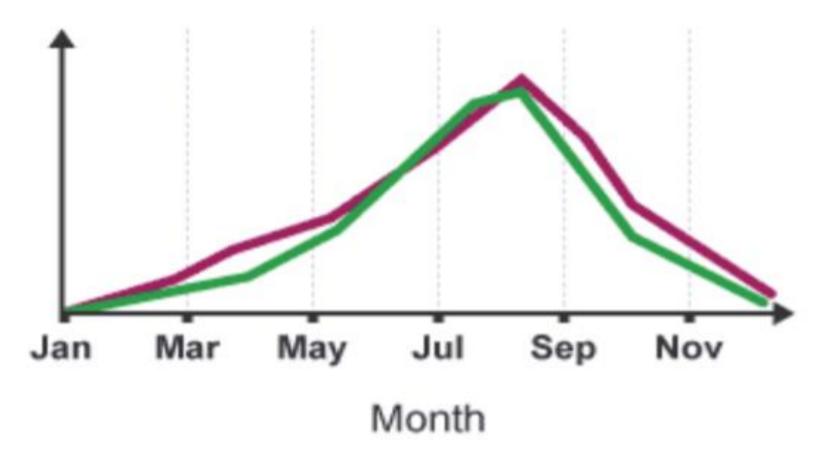
Biggest Future Changes in the Workplace



Relationship between two or more variables









Ice cream sales



Shark attacks

7 How to choose the right type of infographic

Mixed chart

Informational

Timeline

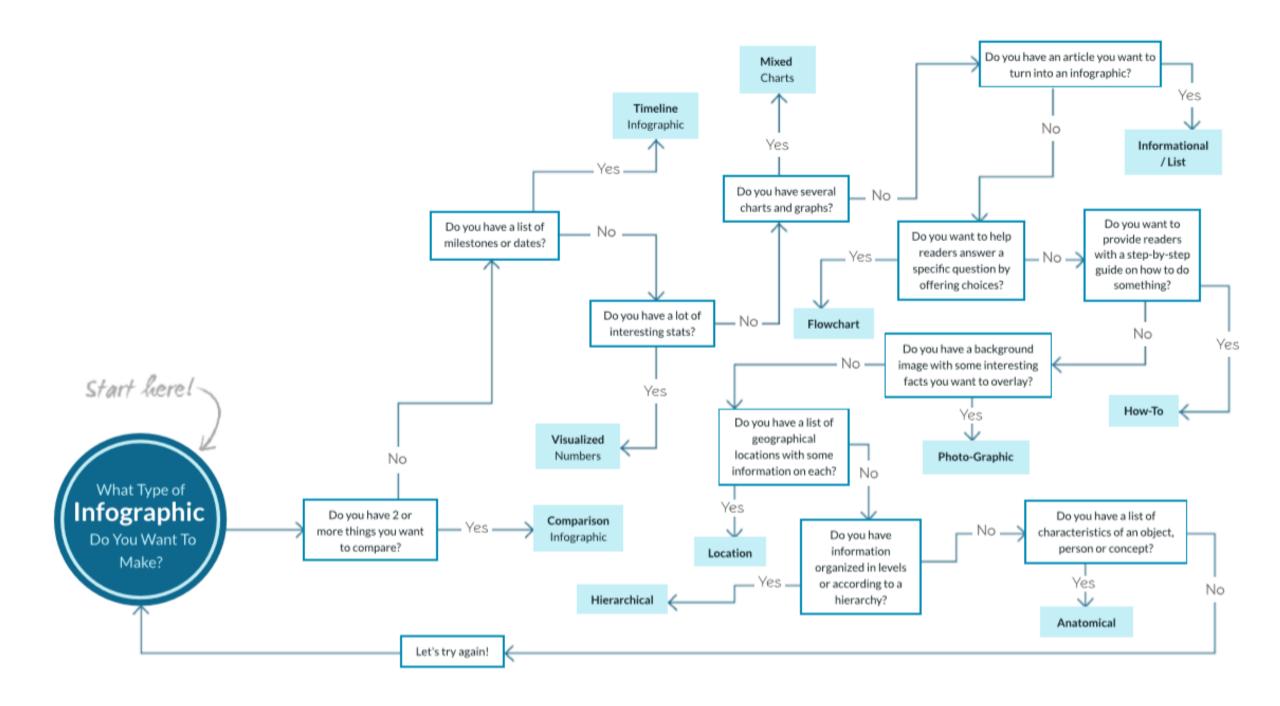
How to

Process

Map

Comparison

Single Chart



8 How to write copy

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

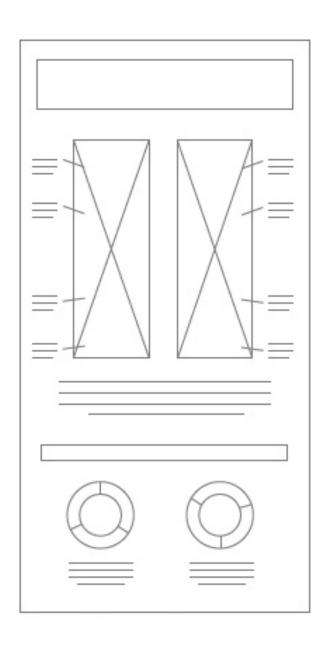
> "Find the surprise in your data and add it as the title."

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Create a wireframe

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

1) Visual theme

Deciding on a **visual theme**

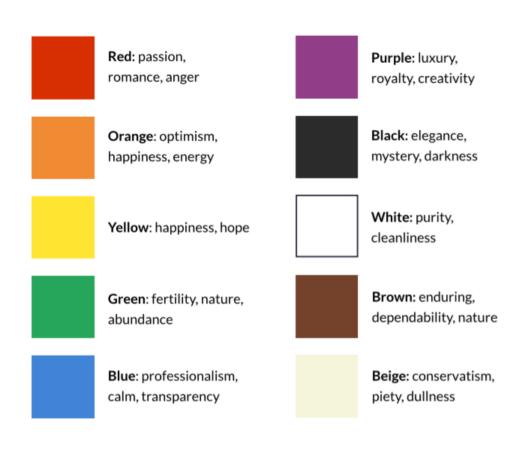


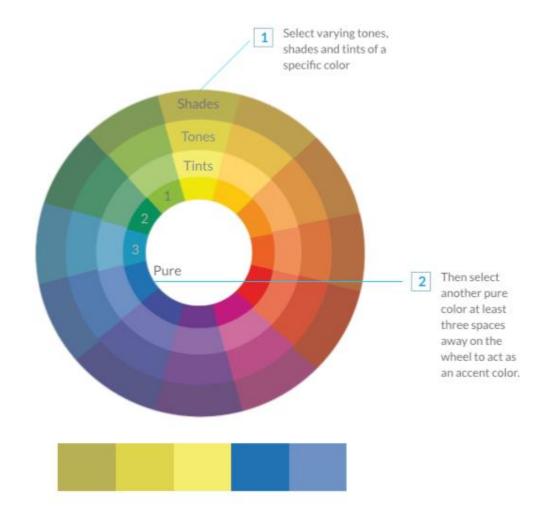




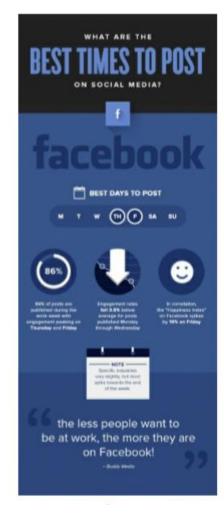
2 Color scheme

Choosing a color scheme





Choosing a color scheme



Keep it simple



The 60-30-10 rule

3 Font combinations

Choosing a font combinations

OSWALDOld Standard TT

Rokkitt Ubuntu

Vollkorn Exo Abril Fatface
Josefin Sans

PT Mono

Open Sans Condensed

Colaborate

Titillium

Lobster Lato Ubuntu

Source Sans Pro



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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.

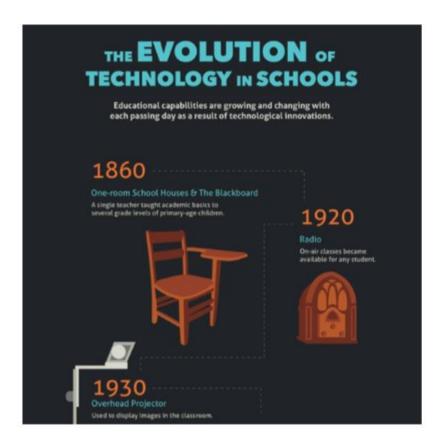
The goal of font pairing is to select fonts that share an overarching theme yet have a pleasing contrast. Which fonts work together is largely a matter of intuition, but we approach this problem with a neural net. See Github for more technical details.

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



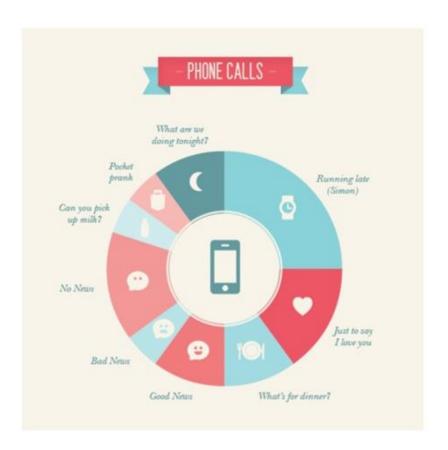
Stick to two-max three-combinations

4 Icons

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



Replace names and titles with icon



Use icons in graphs and charts

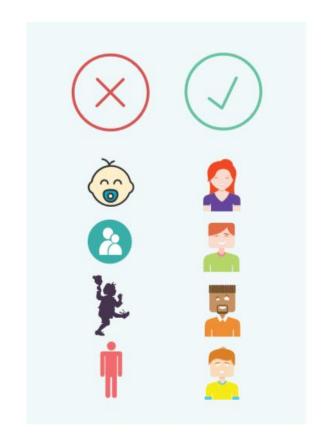
How to use and select the **right icons**



Pair icons with fonts



Pair icons with color palette

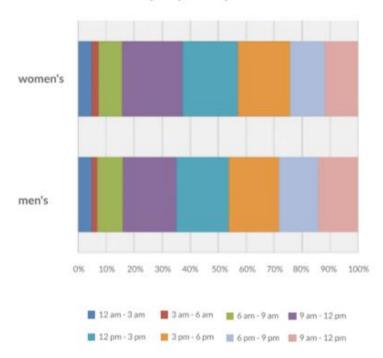


Stick with one icon style

5 Effective visuals

Before

When do people buy on our website?

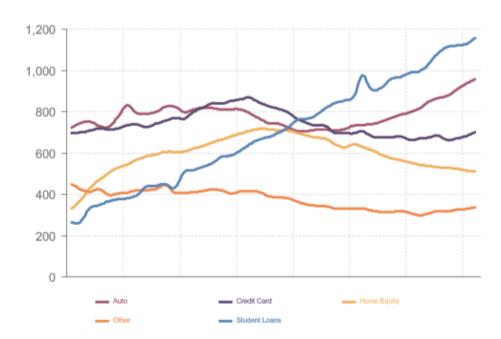


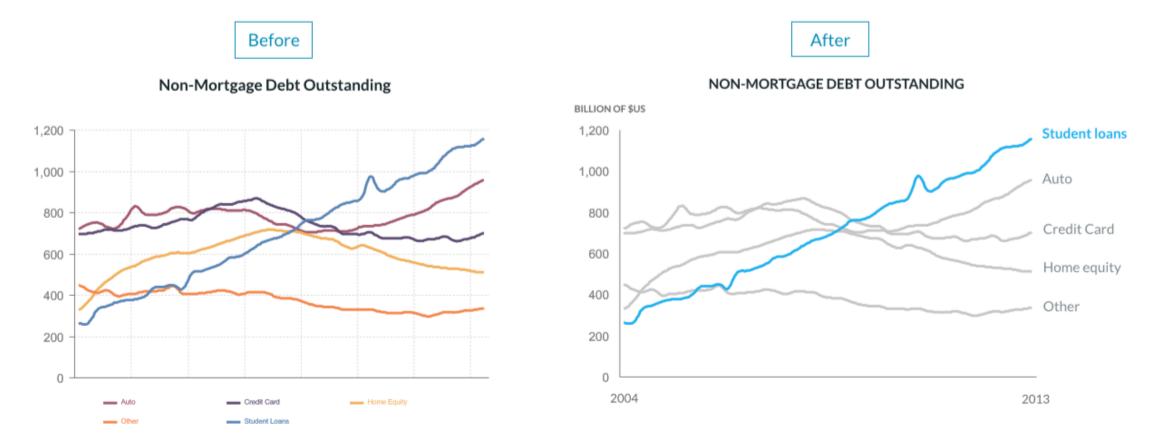


Ask yourself, "can this be summarized?" If certain details are not essential, then consider summarizing certain elements by grouping them into broader categories

Before

Non-Mortgage Debt Outstanding

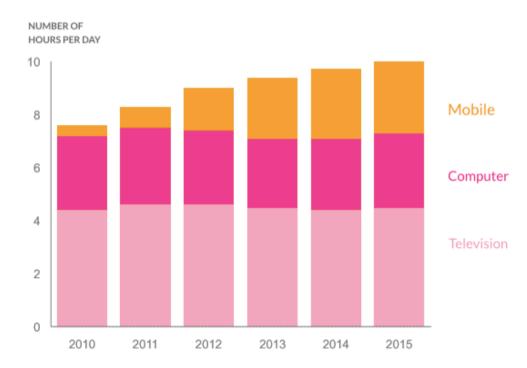


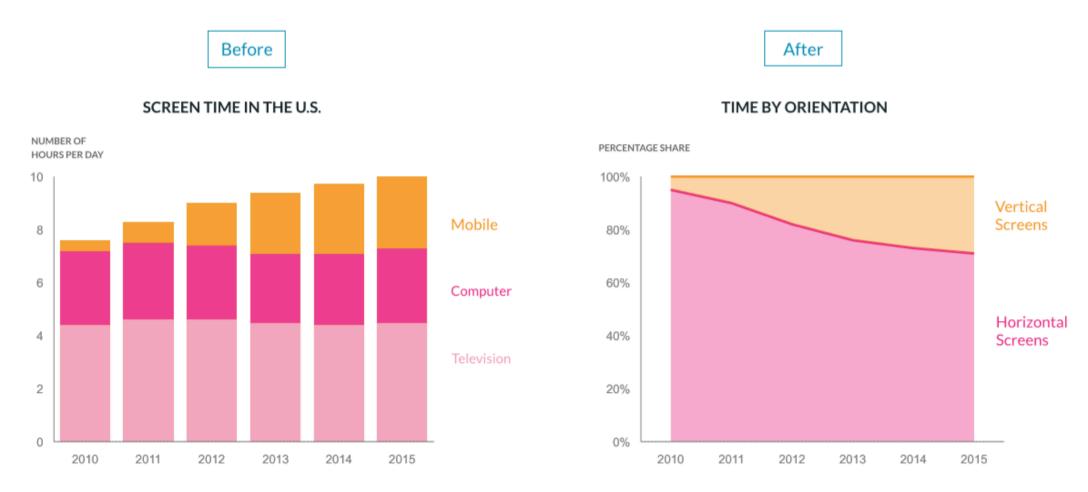


Push all chart elements to the background by applying a light grey color. Then go through the most important of these elements and use different design techniques to make them stand out, such as making the size bigger, making certain lines thicker, applying color, adding data explainers or labels, among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

Before

SCREEN TIME IN THE U.S.

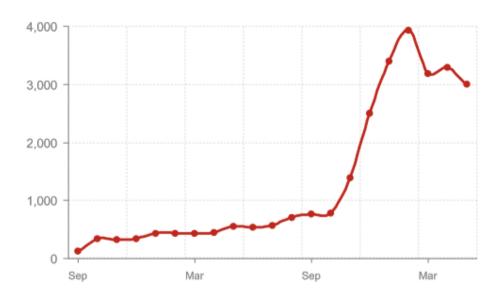




Use only two to three colors to highlight the most important points. Use grey for the rest of information

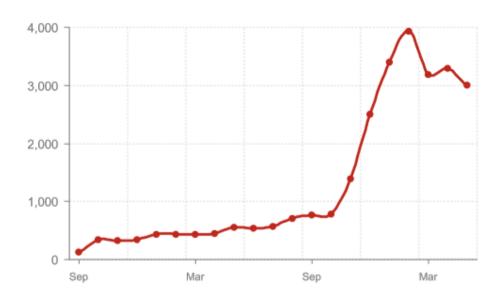
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Slow Comcast Speeds Were Costing Netflix Customers



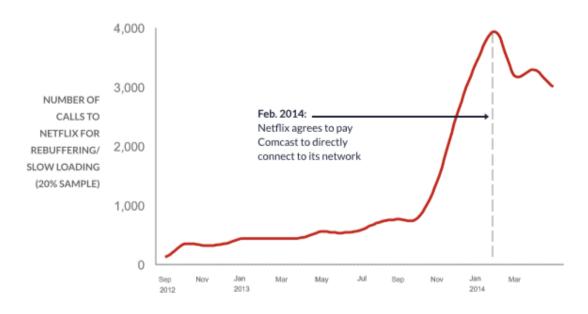
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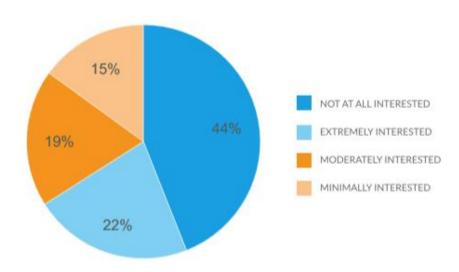
SLOW COMCAST SPEEDS WERE COSTING NETFLIX CUSTOMERS



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

Background images

How to choose background images



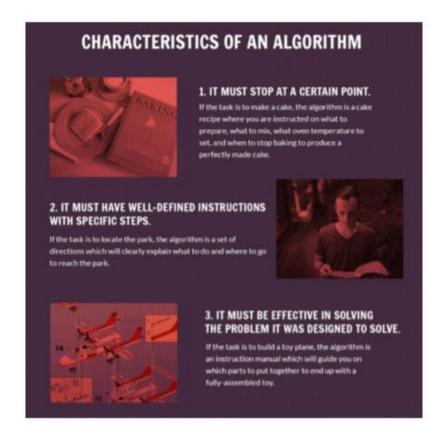
Graphic elements are superimposed over images to create a simple yet attractive visualization.



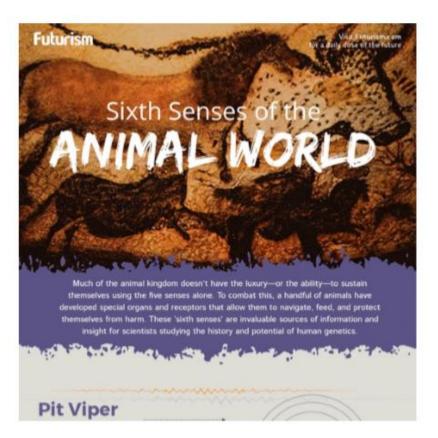
Images of European cities are used to create a look and feel evocative of scenic white winters.

How to choose background images

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



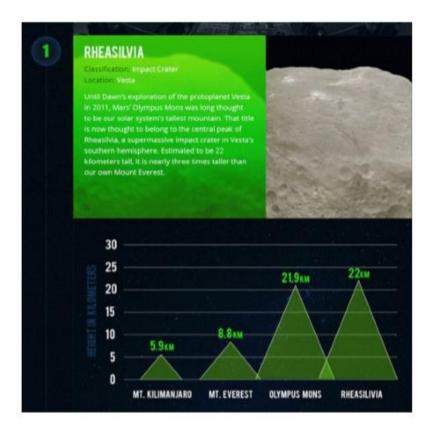
Choose images that evoke the right emotions. Well-chosen photos speak volumes all on their own



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

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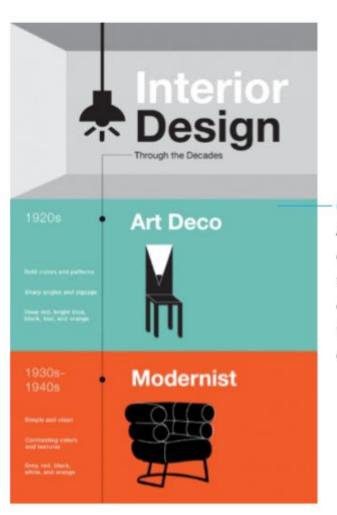
Make text readable. One way to do this is to place text inside shapes and frames to make it stand out against the background image



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

7 Section dividers

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.



Arrows

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

- 1 Include your sources
- 2 Go back and proofread
- 3 Ask others for **feedback**

Thank you