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Reading instructions:

Chapters 4 to 10 deal with different types of charts. If you do not want to start by reading about all the types of charts in one go, you can leave some of these chapters until later. Regardless of what types of chart you want to work with, you should read the following chapters which deal with general concepts and principles:

Chapter 2 *Choosing chart types* and Chapter 3 *The building blocks of charts*
 Chapter 11 *Some chart philosophy* and Chapter 13 *Charts in practice*

You should also practice drawing charts with your own data (some data can be found in the book). Use whatever graphics program is available to you. You can then try varying the form and building blocks of the chart for each set of data. Learn by comparing the different charts.