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Use Graphic Aids

Graphic aids are diagrams, graphs, maps, and other visual tools in informational texts. They organize and summarize information simply, helping readers understand key points.

Types of graphic aids:

Line Graphs: Show numerical quantities across time and indicate trends. Vertical axis = frequency/quantity, Horizontal axis = categories or time periods.

Bar Graphs: Use bars to compare categories.

Picture Graphs: Convey information with symbols instead of lines or bars.

Using graphic aids helps readers analyze data, detect trends, and draw conclusions.

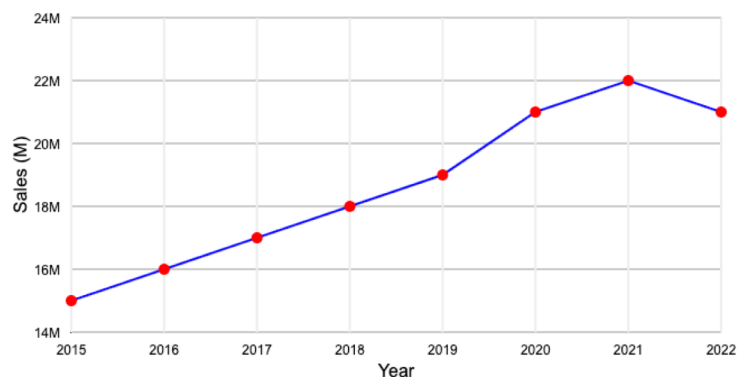
Read the following passage and the line graph. Then, answer five comprehension questions.

Annual Bicycle Sales in the United States

Bicycle sales in the United States have changed over the past decade. In 2015, sales were around 15 million units, steadily increasing each year until 2019. During this period, the

popularity of electric bikes began to rise, contributing to overall growth. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic caused a spike in sales as more people looked for safe,

outdoor activities while avoiding public transportation. Sales peaked at 22 million units in 2021. However, in 2022, sales



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slightly declined as supply chain issues and increased prices affected buyers. Despite the minor decrease, overall trends indicate a growing interest in cycling, both for recreation and commuting purposes.

1. What was the trend in bicycle sales from 2015 to 2019?
2. In which year did bicycle sales increase the most?
3. How did the COVID-19 pandemic affect bicycle sales?
4. What happened to bicycle sales in 2022, and why?
5. What overall trend does the line graph show for the period 2015–2022?
6. Based on the text and the line graph, what conclusions can you draw about the future of bicycle sales in the U.S., and what factors might influence these trends?

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1. What was the trend in bicycle sales from 2015 to 2019?

Sales steadily increased from 15M to 19M.

2. In which year did bicycle sales increase the most?

Between 2019 and 2020.

3. How did the COVID-19 pandemic affect bicycle sales?

The pandemic caused a significant spike in sales as people sought outdoor activities.

4. What happened to bicycle sales in 2022, and why?

Sales slightly decreased from 22M to 21M due to supply chain issues and higher prices.

5. What overall trend does the line graph show for the period 2015–2022?

The long-term trend shows growth in bicycle sales despite a minor decline in 2022.

6. Based on the text and the line graph, what conclusions can you draw about the future of bicycle sales in the U.S., and what factors might influence these trends?

Bicycle sales are generally increasing, suggesting growing interest in cycling. Future trends may be influenced by electric bike popularity, economic factors, and public health concerns encouraging outdoor activity.