

PX279: The Solar System

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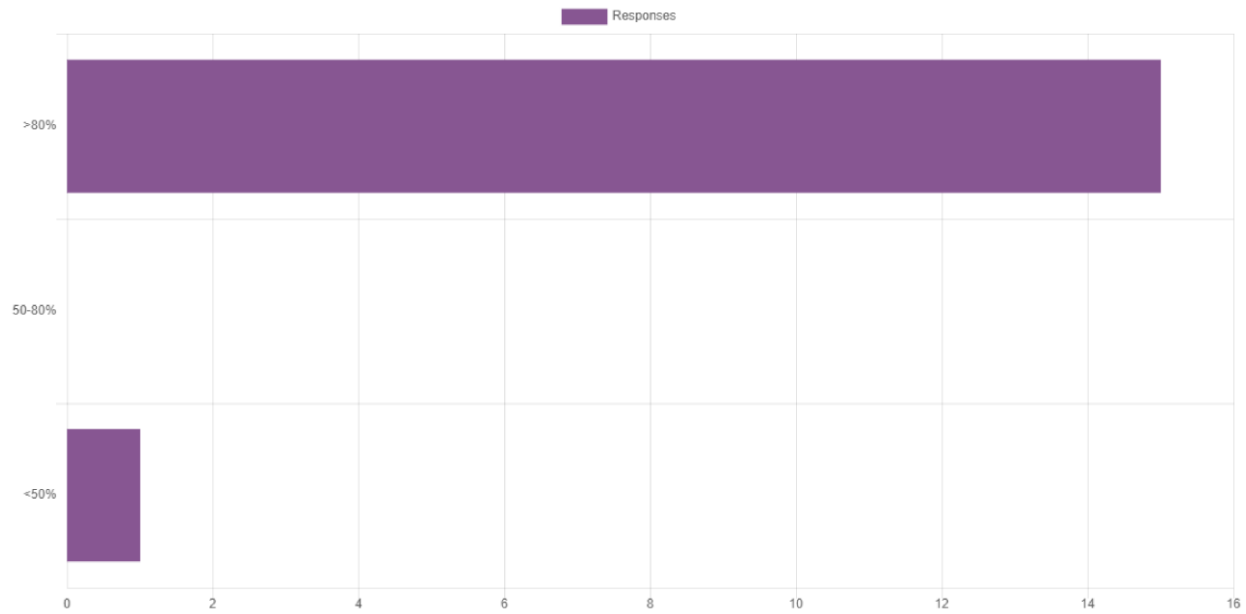
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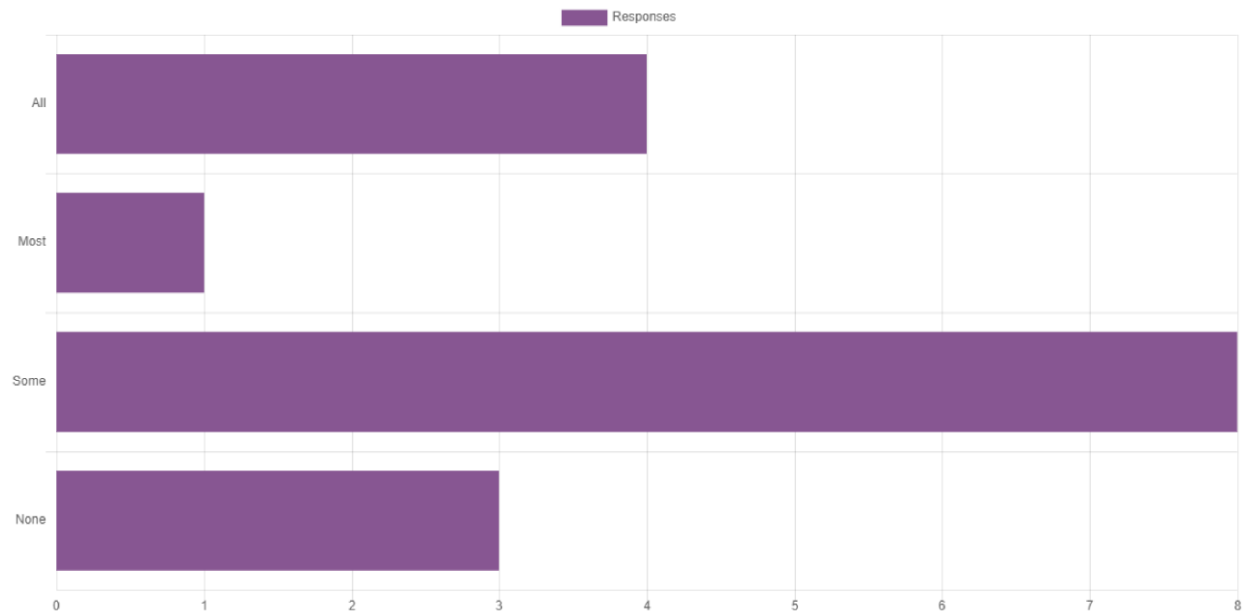
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(Q1) I watched or read through the notes of (...?) of the online lecture material



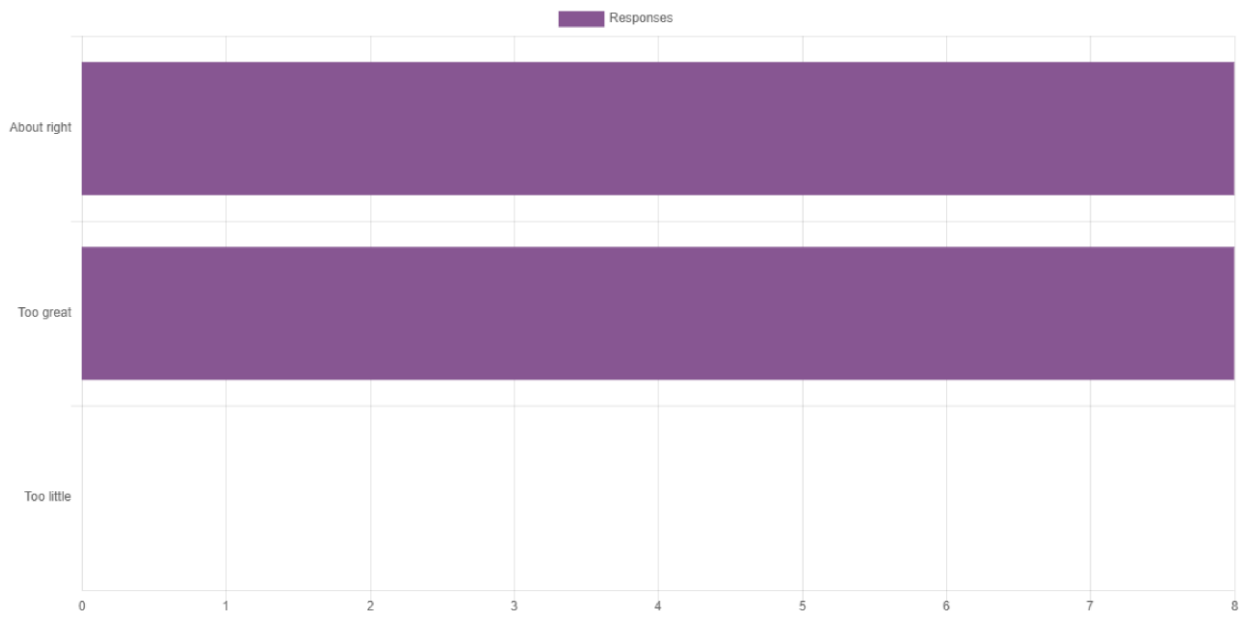
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(Q2) I attended (...?) of the Live events for this module



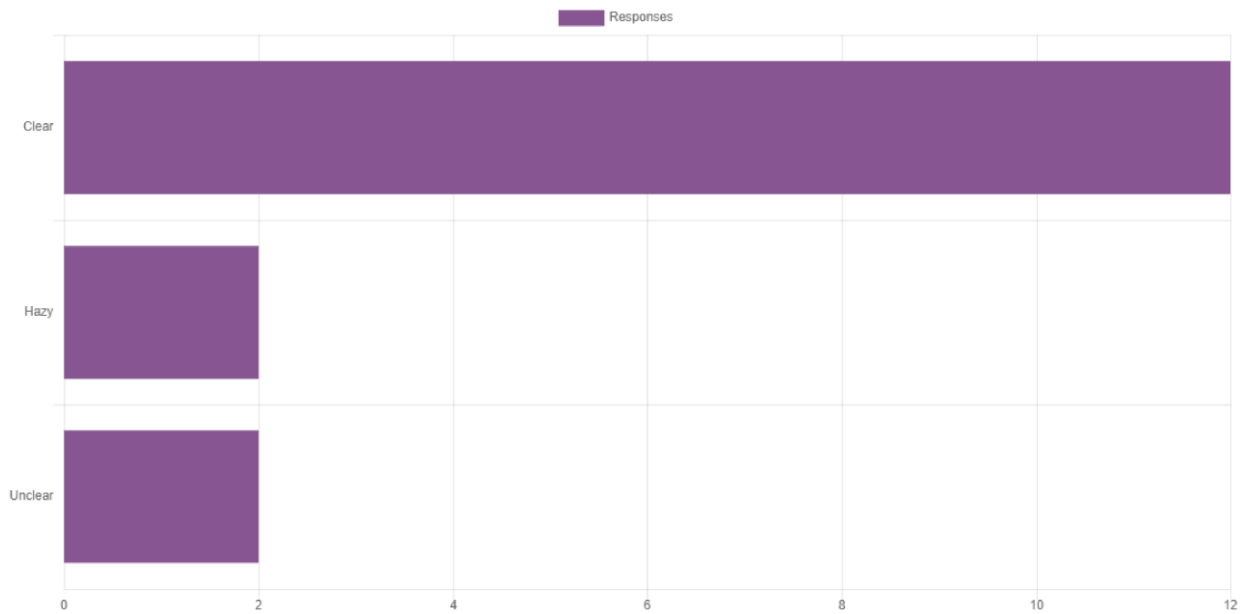
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(Q3) The quantity of material was



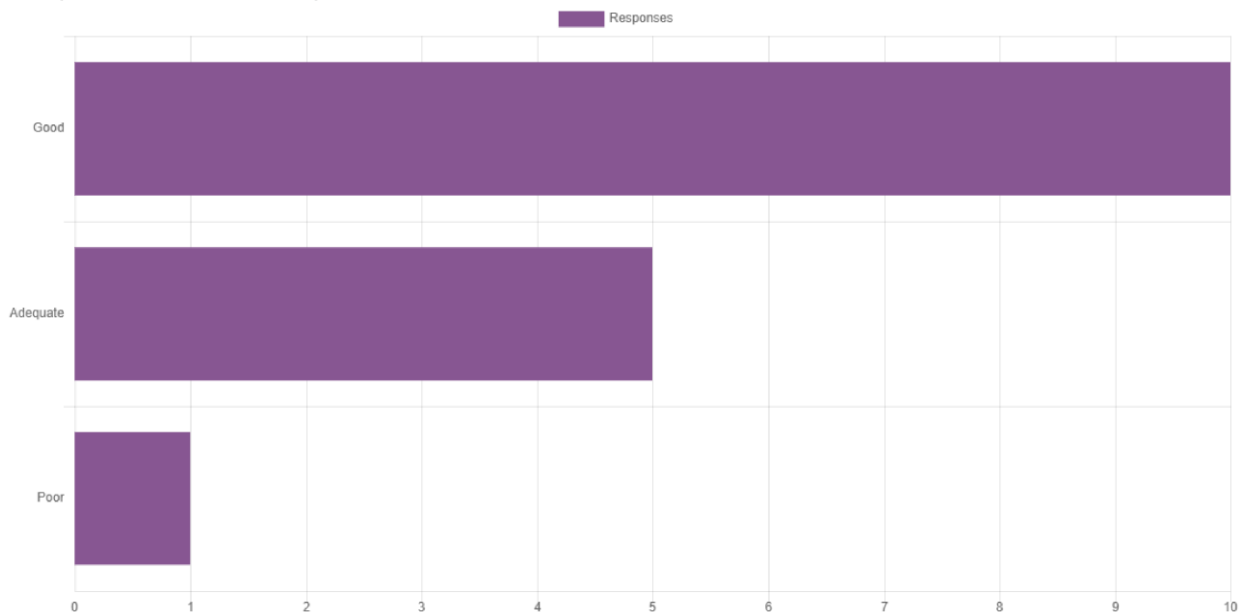
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(Q4) By the end of the module its purpose and direction were



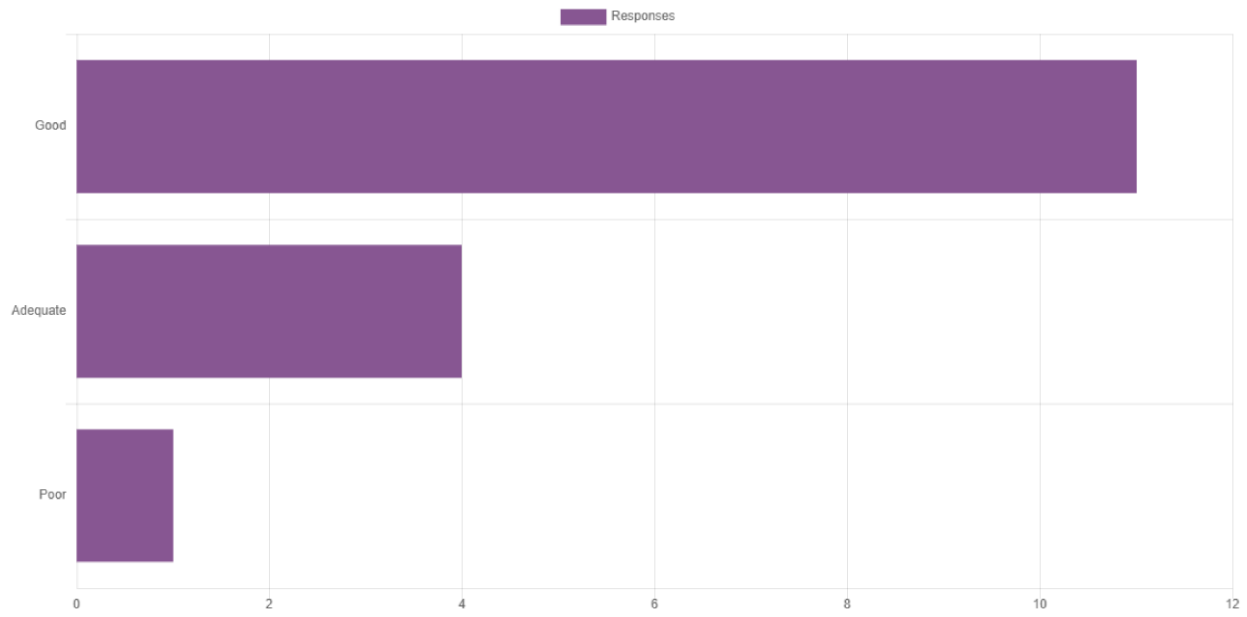
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(Q5) Explanation of new terms and concepts was



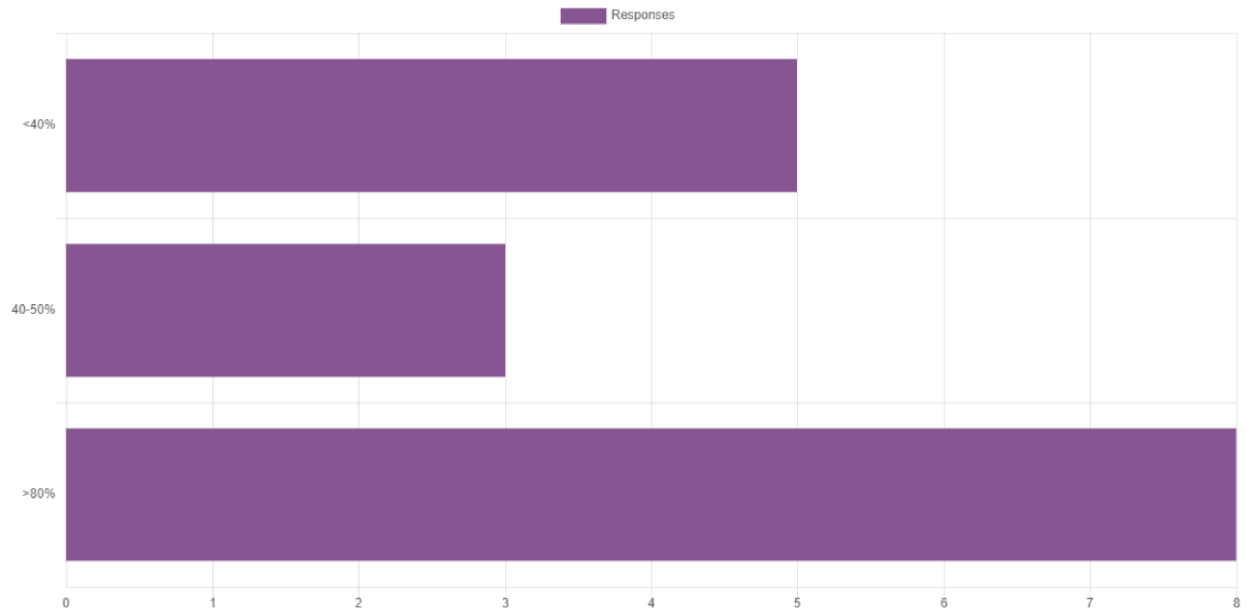
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(Q6) I have a (...?) set of notes



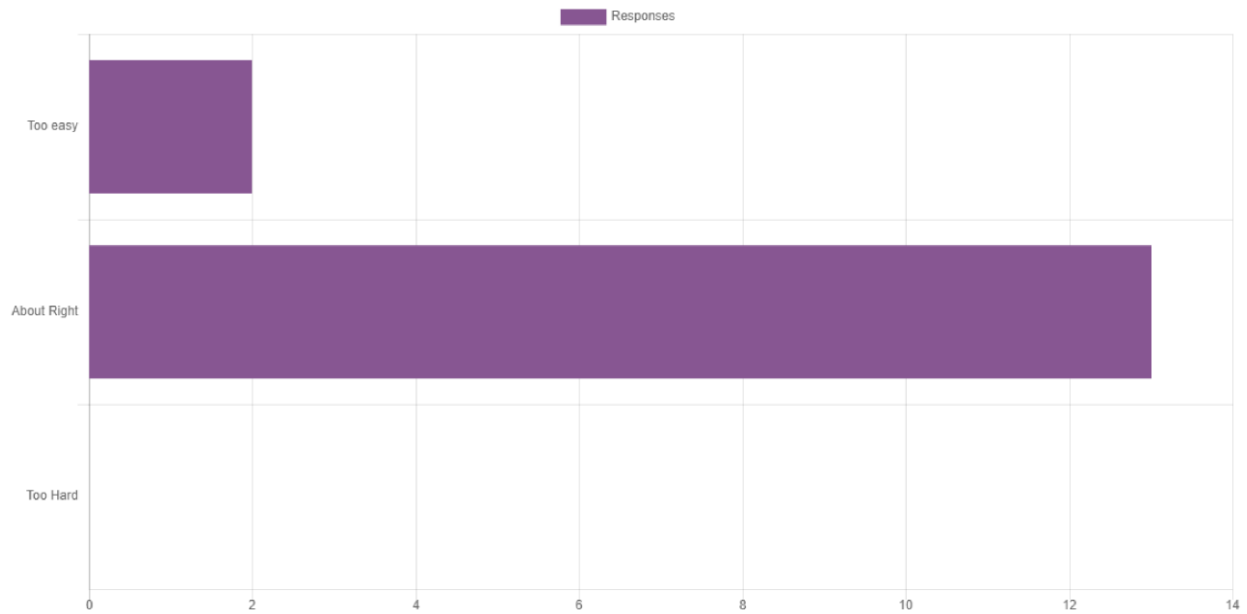
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(Q7) I attempted (...?) of examples sheet questions



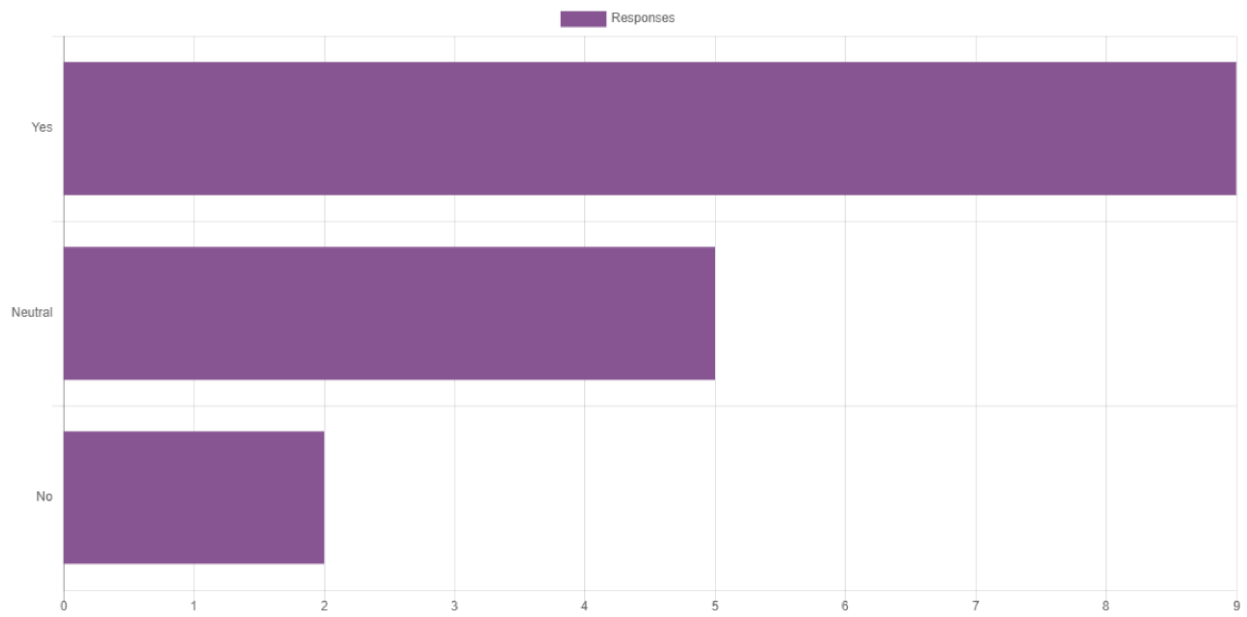
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(Q8) The examples sheet questions were



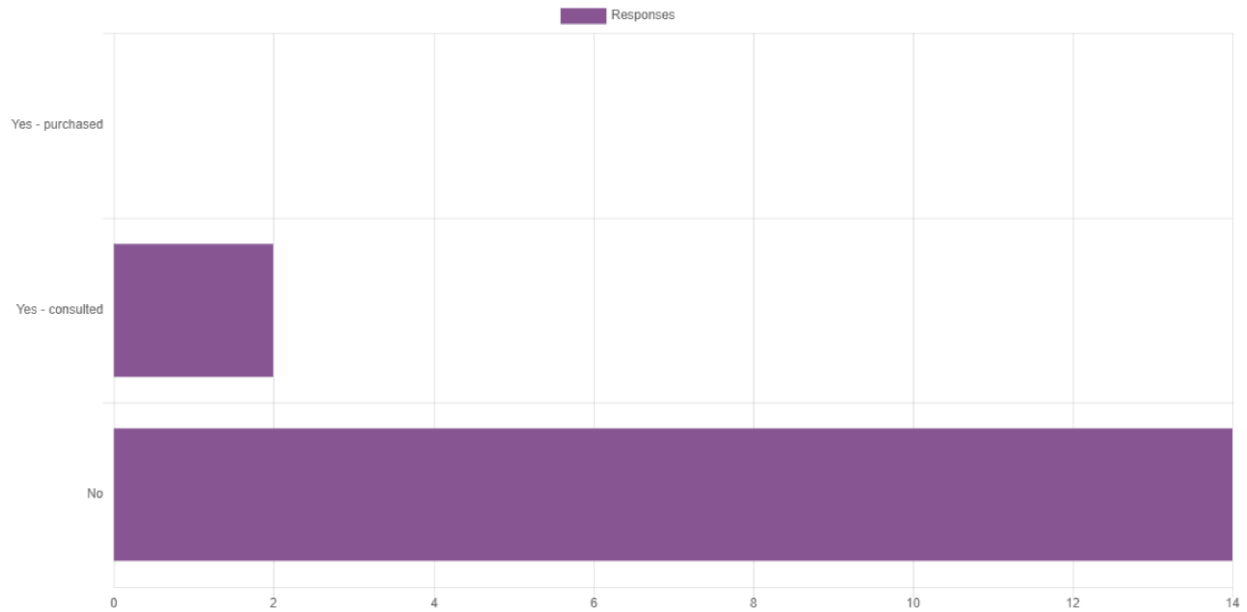
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(Q9) Would you like a course taking this subject further ?



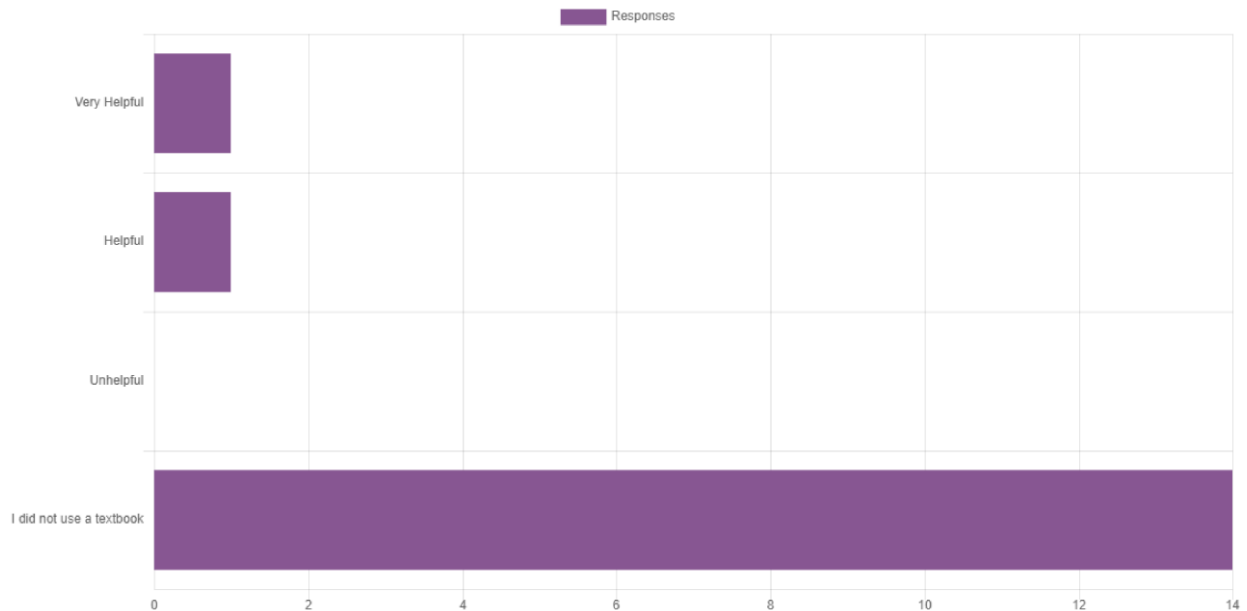
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(Q10) Did you use any of the recommended/suggested textbooks?



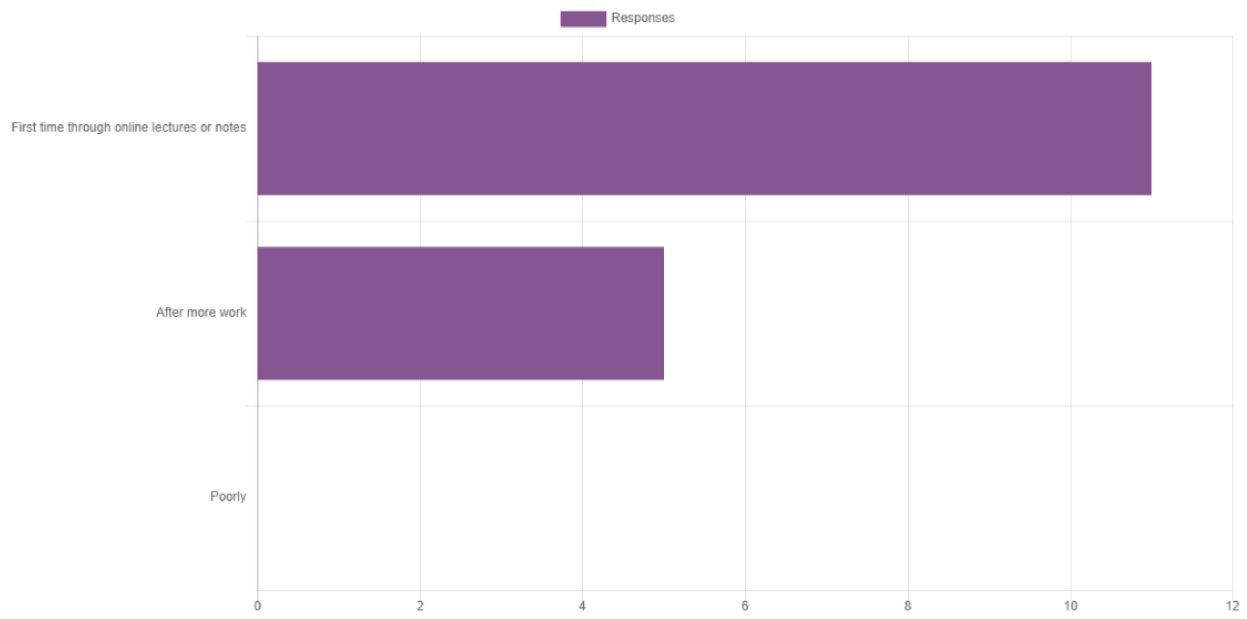
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(Q11) I found the textbook(s) used to be



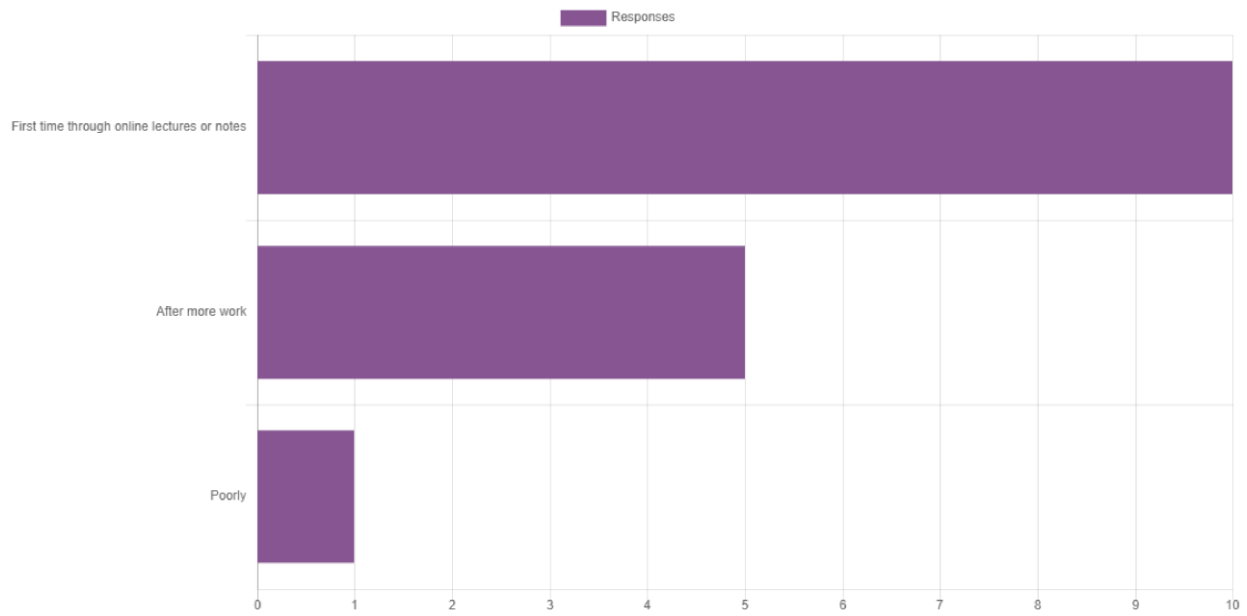
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(A) Planetary motion



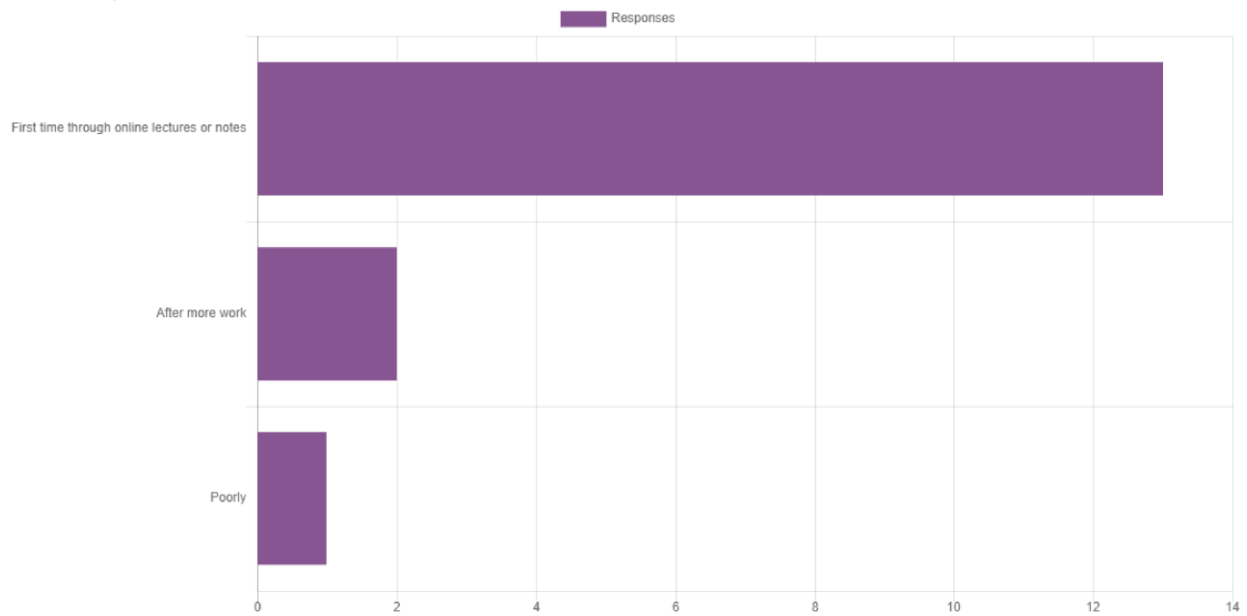
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(B) The Sun



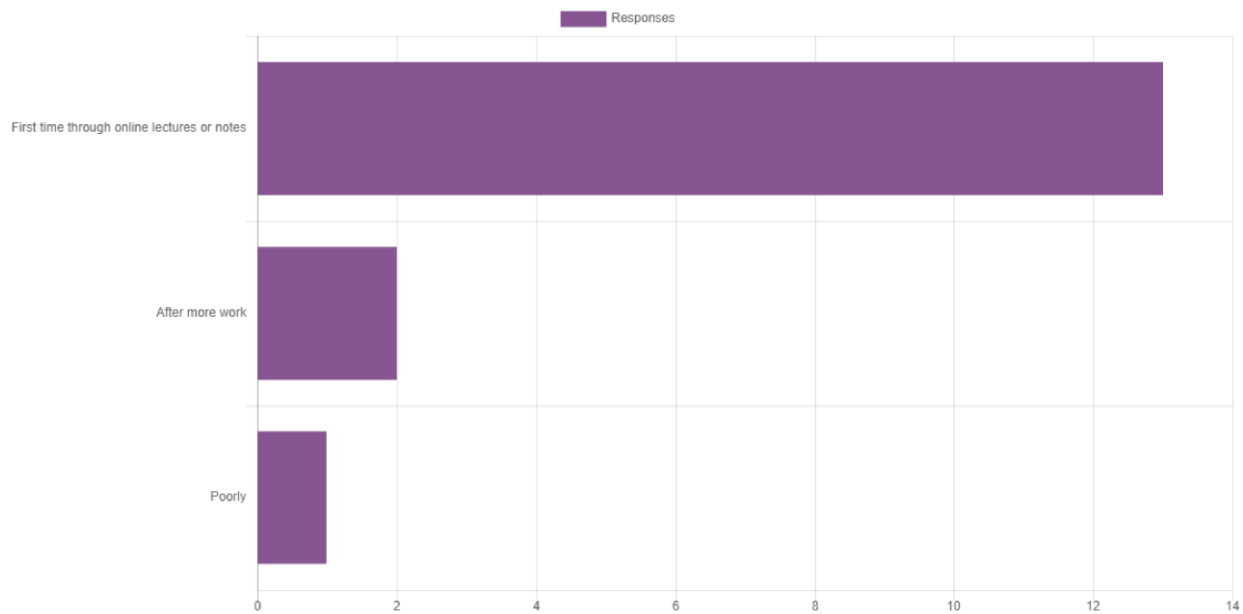
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(C) Terrestrial planets



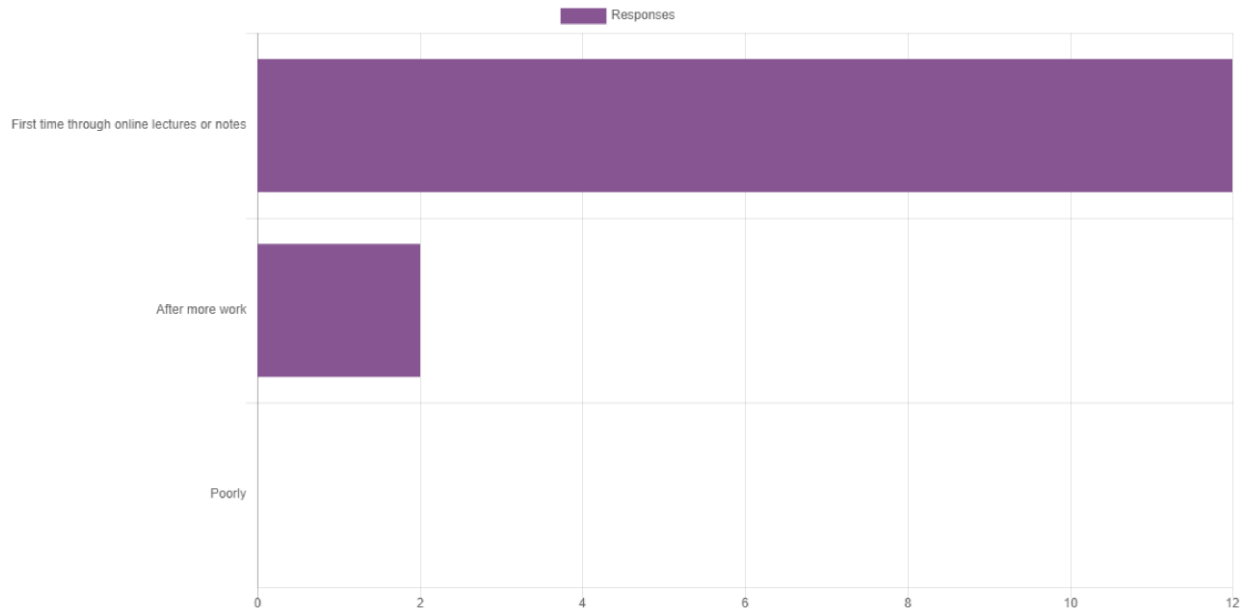
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(D) Giant planets



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(E) Formation of the solar system



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The best features of this module were:

- I really enjoyed the lectures. The delivery was excellent and the content was very interesting. I always looked forward to the videos being released! The live sessions were useful too, I thought the solar system news was a good idea!
- The lectures were clear, well narrated and well presented. Interesting to listen to and easy to take notes from. Derivations were easy to follow.
- I really liked learning about the different features of the planets, and the solar system. Seeing all of the scientific developments and the historical side of things was great
- The lecturer was very good and tried to make this course as relevant to current science news as possible. I liked the moodle book format as well, very useful for revision.
- The content was very interesting.
- I enjoyed the bits about the moons of the giant planets
- Interesting content
- > Real examples and application showing a clear driven purpose to the content
- > Continuous use of new concepts and applying them to different sections allowed these concepts to really be consolidated
- > Enthusiasm in the content
- The enthusiasm from the lecturer really made it a pleasure to turn up for the lectures and the live events. The course was very interesting!
- The math videos were good, and clear
- The lecturer showing a genuine interest in the content and note just reading lecture notes, but instead talking in an engaging way and explaining concepts clearly.

Any particular aspects/items needing improvement (and suggestions how):

- A lot of the videos felt like information dumps leaving me unsure as to what notes I should be taking. Unclear on what I need to know for the exam.
- There was a lot of content to do and I had to set aside at least half a day to complete the weekly lectures
- Lectures are uploaded too late in the week. The lectures have been badly paced and so we are given a much greater volume of work to get through at the end of term and it runs into our holiday. This could be avoided if material was paced properly and concisely. It's difficult to tell what material is examinable and what isn't.
- > I felt like the quantity of the material was a bit too great for the number of CATS for the module
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- Some weeks there was a lot of content, others there was not a lot. The lectures were released at inconsistent times especially nearer the end of term

- N/A

- The powerpoints were hard to take notes from and it took a while to get through them. I much preferred the videos that were following written work. However I understand that a lot of the information had to be conveyed through powerpoints. Maybe they could go a bit slower? I needed to pause them a lot

- It would be useful to have more questions during the course to answer and also for them to be more like the exam questions. I found most of the questions were quite easy and didn't particularly test my understanding- e.g. just application of an equation to a different planet.

- Perhaps some examples of written questions as well as calculations.

- I didn't enjoy the impartment of the lectures as slides explained by the lecturer. I would have liked the concepts explained in the more practical and old fashioned way.

- Lectures being released more regularly would be really helpful.

Any other comments:

- Really enjoyed this module. Thank you :)

- Thoroughly enjoyed this module, found it to be of extreme interest

- Thank you very much

- I really enjoyed the course! It was really interesting and I developed more of an interest in the topic.

- N/A

- My favourite module I have taken at university so far.

- Lectures take far more time to make notes on than is enjoyable, which is only made worse by the fact everything is uploaded late in the week and too much has been uploaded late in the term. It's a module I might have enjoyed given its interesting topics, but keeping up with it has been tedious and frustrating, especially in comparison to the other modules this term, which is disappointing.

- Please state what is needed and not needed for the exam so we don't have to memorise everything

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