## Stem-and-Leaf Plots

Stem-and-leaf plots are one way to display the frequency of values in a data set. They arrange data by emphasizing place value. Each stem-and-leaf plot includes a key that shows what place values the stems and leaves represent.

## To make a stem-and-leaf plot:

- 1. Organize your data set from least to greatest.
- 2. Draw a T-chart and choose the stem and leaf place values.
- 3. Write the data set's stems in the left column, but do not skip any numbers.
- 4. Write the leaves in the right column, matched to their stems, *in order*.
- 5. Add a key and title.

example: Mr. Villegas asks his coworkers how many of the 100 highest-rated



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Pay attention to the key. Most plots use 10s and 1s places, but not all.

## Weight of Engagement Rings (grams)

stem	leaf						
3	5	6	6	7	8		<b>Key:</b> 3 5 = 3.5
4	1	1	2	8	8	9	
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