

Sodium: Fact file

World production	60,000 – 80,000 tonnes per year
UK production	Zero
Manufacture	Downs Process
Raw material	Sodium chloride

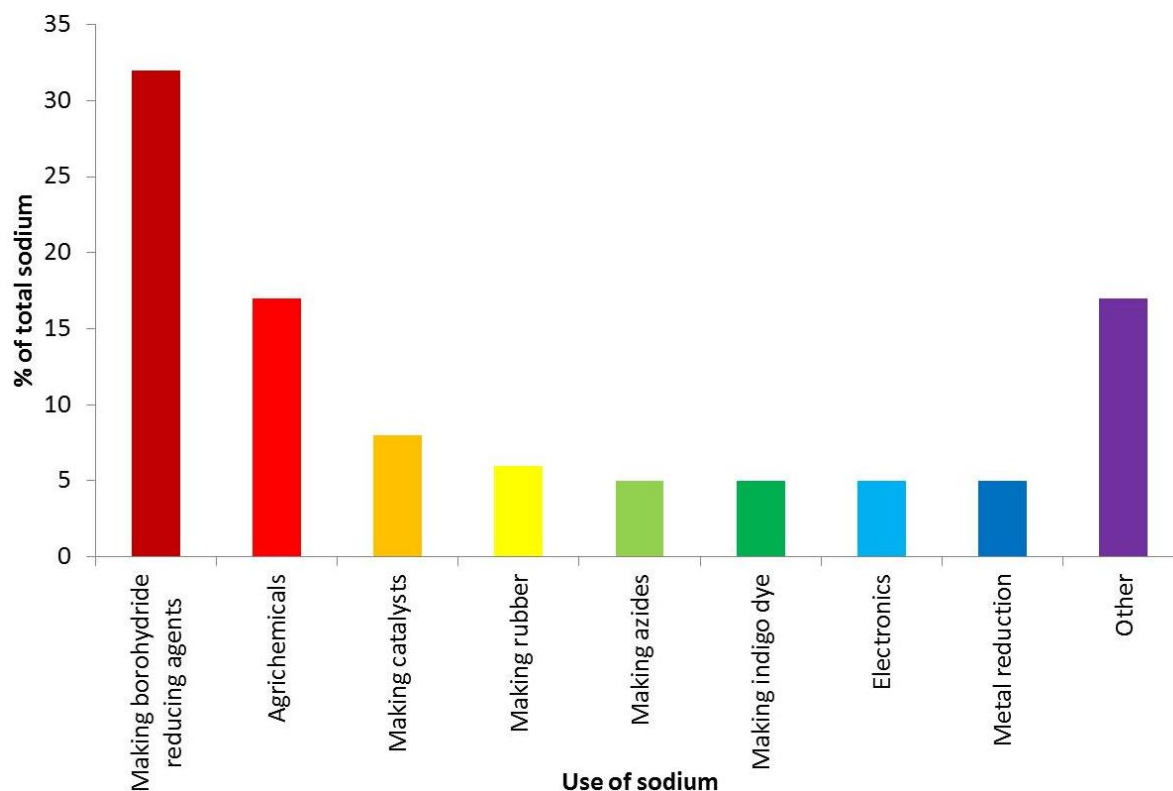


Figure: Chart to show the percentage amount of sodium used for different sectors.

Table: Table to show the percentage amount of sodium used for different sectors (as shown above).

	Making borohydride reducing agents	32%
	Agrichemicals	17%
	Making catalysts	8%
	Making rubber	6%
	Making azides (eg for car airbags)	5%
	Making indigo dye (eg for blue jeans)	5%
	Electronics	5%
	Metal reduction (eg making titanium)	5%
	Other	17%