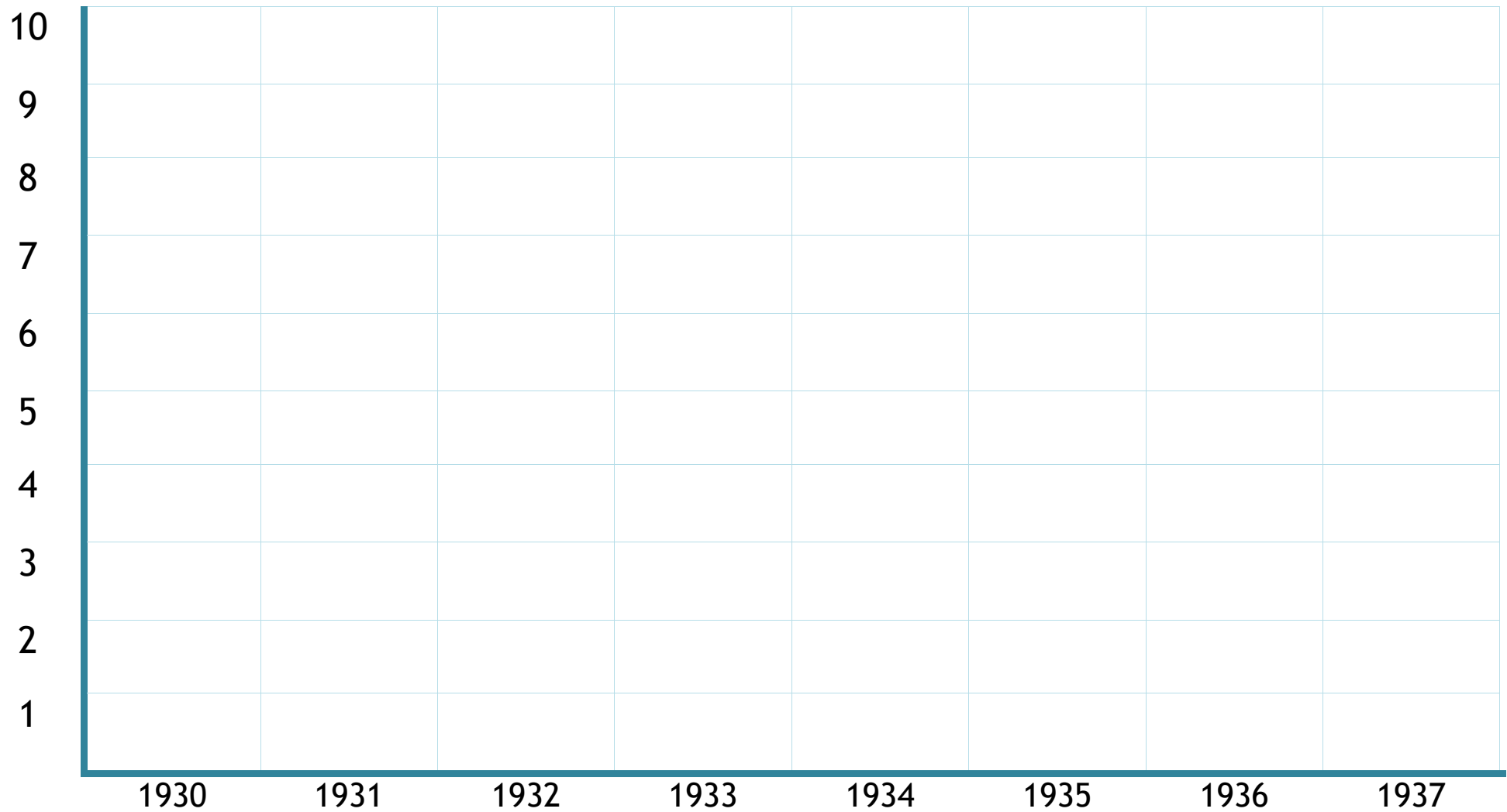


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Plot a graph to show the level of threat to Britain from Germany, Italy and Japan from 1930-1937. Use a different coloured line for each country. You should include an explanation why you have placed the threat each year where you have on the scale.



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Use the cards to help you complete the line graph. Each card contains information about the level of threat from Germany, Italy and Japan at a specific time. Work out when the card refers to and the level of threat to Britain at this time.

<p>Japan seizes a number of points in Manchuria. This is a threat as Britain had colonies in the Far East and soldiers there. However, strong Japanese control might restore order and act against Russia.</p>	<p>Hitler comes to power but is relatively cautious at first. However, it seems certain that Hitler's Nazi regime will challenge the existing European balance of power.</p>	<p>Hitler announces that Germany is rearming which poses a challenge to the international community. The Stresa Pact reassures British safety.</p>
<p>Germany withdraws from the disarmament conference demanding parity with other nations. Germany is also secretly rearming.</p>	<p>Japan withdraws from the League of Nations and the League has proved ineffective. The Royal Navy is not strong enough to impose sanctions.</p>	<p>Hitler invades the Rhineland. This is a problem as it creates greater distance between France and Britain. Hitler is encouraged by lack of resistance.</p>
<p>The worldwide depression leads to new governments in Japan and Germany.</p>	<p>Mussolini is victorious in Abyssinia and has been openly supported by Hitler. The Rome-Berlin axis is signed.</p>	<p>Relations between Britain and Japan remain uneasy, especially as Japan claim China and East Asia as under its sphere of influence.</p>
<p>Despite signing the Stresa Pact Italy invades Abyssinia and turns its back on Britain. This signals Mussolini's alignment with Hitler.</p>	<p>The Anti-Comintern pact is signed. This is directed at Russia but is a potential threat to Britain as it could encourage further aggression.</p>	<p>Italy and Britain are staunch allies throughout the early years of the 1930s.</p>