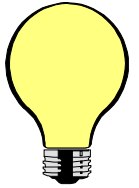


Statistics: Comparing Data

S1-S3, National 4

1. 20 light bulbs were tested to see how long they would last. The lifetimes of the bulbs are given below in hours.

1503 1469 1511 1494 1634 1601 1625 1492 1495 1505
1487 1493 1006 1512 1510 1599 1501 1486 1471 1598



The manufacturing company claims that the *average* lifetime of a light bulb is 1500 hours.

Do you agree with their claim?

2. Your parents tell you that they have been thinking about the amount of pocket money that they give you. They have been asking other parents and give you a list of the amounts of pocket money your friends receive.

£9 £11 £15 £13 £9 £20 £12 £18 £10

They ask you to say whether you would like to have the mean, the median or the mode of the above figures.

Which one would you choose and why?

3. At the World Athletic Championships the mean time for the first semi-final of the 100 metres was 9.98 seconds.



For the second semi-final the times, in seconds, were:

10.21 10.04 9.92 9.98 10.04 9.94 9.9 9.73

Was the mean time for the second semi-final better than the mean time for the first semi-final?

Give a reason for your answer.

4. Colin played eight games of cricket.

The number of runs he scored in each game were:

45 88 5 79 107 43 90 15.

Calculate **(a)** the mean **(b)** the range.

Paul also played eight games.

His mean was 65 runs and his range was 52 runs.

- (c)** Write two comments comparing Paul's performance with Colin's performance.

5. Six students in class 1A sat a Maths test, and their marks were:

35 37 40 42 43 79.

Calculate **(a)** the mean **(b)** the range.

Six students in class 1B sat the same Maths test.

Their mean mark was 44 and their range was 50.

- (c)** Write two comments comparing 1A's marks with 1B's marks.

6. The weights, in kilograms, of eight people are shown below.

83	81	96	93
92	90	92	85

- (a)** Calculate the mean weight.
(b) Calculate the range.

Each person then followed an exercise programme for 2 weeks.

At the end of the exercise programme they were weighed again.

After the exercise programme: the mean was 86 kilograms, and the range was 19.

- (c)** Write two comments comparing the results before training with the results after training.