Activity 5 Assessment Measures of Central Tendency

Determining the Measures of Central Tendency

Reads and interprets data displays to determine mode and median

Number of glasses of water students in a Grade 5 class drink in a day:

2, 3, 3, 3.5, 4, 4, 4, 4.5, 5.5, 6

mode: 4 glassesmedian: 4 glasses

Determines the mean value as the average measure

Number of glasses of water students in a Grade 5 class drink in a day: 2, 3, 3, 3.5, 4, 4, 4, 4.5, 5.5, 6

2 + 3 + 3 + 3.5 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4.5 + 5.5 + 6 = 39.5 39.5 ÷ 10 = 3.95

• mean: 3.95 glasses

Compares measures of central tendency for two related sets of data

Grade 5:

the mode: 4 glasses the median: 4 glasses

• the mean: 3.95 glasses

Grade 1:

• mode: 2 glasses

• median: 2.25 glasses

• mean: 2.45 glasses

"Grade 5 students drink more glasses of water per day than Grade 1 students." Fluently and flexibly finds the mode, mean, and median and explains what each indicates

mode: 4.5 glassesmedian: 4.25 glasses

• mean: 4.05 glasses

"The mode is the most frequent number; the median is the middle number, and the mean is the average number. All measures are very close. Any of the measures can represent the data."

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