## **FINDING THE MEAN**

### TARGET To calculate the mean of a set of data.

The mean or average of a set of data is the total divided by the number of items in the set.

### Example

The number of hours worked by a plumber each day. 11 8 5 9 6 10 7 9 4 6

Total hours	75 hours
No. of days	10
Mean	7.5 hours (75 ÷ 10)

# A

Find the mean of each set of data.

- The ages of the five children in a family.
   5 5 8 12 15
- 2 The shoe sizes worn by eight women.

3 5 3 4 6 3 5 3

3 The marks out of 10 of nine children in a spelling test.

7 10 10 7 9 9 8 2 10

- The number of people entering a shop each minute.
  - 8 4 2 7 8 3 6 3 8 4 5 2

5 The daily maximum temperature in one week in November.



### 3

Find the mean of each set of data.

 The estimated heights in metres of a rock face made by the climbers.
 90 80 100 150 70 100 110 90 80 100

2 The ages of the eleven players in a football team.
26 24 17 20 26 28 19 30 25 17 21

3 The number of buses stopping each hour at a bus stop.
1 3 5 5 4 2 3 4

5 4 2 3 2 1 1

4 The number of people sitting at each table of a cafe.

4 1 0 2 1 4 1 1 4 3 4 1 0

The daily maximum temperatures in °C for one week in May.
20 16 19 14
13 18 19

# С

Find the mean of each set of data.

 The heights in metres of the nine members of a family.

> 1.3 1.6 1.2 1.9 1.1 0.9 1.7 1.2 1.7

2 The number of passengers getting off a bus at each of its first eight stops.

0 1 3 1 4 1 4 6

3 The average daily maximum temperature in °C for each month of a year.

> 5 6 9 12 15 17 19 18 14 13 9 7

4 The daily maximum temperatures in °C for one week in February.

4 5 1 -2 -1 4 3

5 The number of people living in each of the 100 houses in a road.

People	3	4	.5	6
Houses	20	35	30	15

# **INTERPRETING THE MEAN 1**

## TARGET To interpret the mean of a set of data.

The mean is the total divided by the number of items in the set.

#### Examples

6 classes 174 children Find the mean class size. Answer 29 (174  $\div$  6)

### A

Find the mean for each set of data.

- Football matches 8 Total goals 40 Mean goals per game?
- 2 Dogs 3 Total weight 21 kg Mean weight per dog?
- Restaurant tables 10
   Diners 25
   Mean diners per table?
- Library users 12 Books borrowed 36 Mean books per person?
- 5 Swimming sessions 5 Total lengths 100
- 6 Darts 3 Total score 51
  - Dice 2 Total score 7
- 8 Tests 4 Total marks 320%





Mean class size 30 210 children How many classes? Answer 7 (210 ÷ 30)

