

Sixth Grade: Activity 28 Practice

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1. a.

6th Grade Class-Amounts of Water (oz.)



b. mean = 27.83

c. outlier is 72.

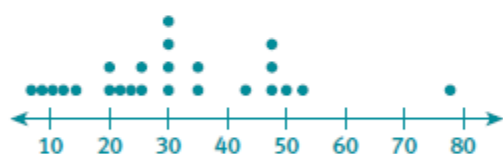
2. mean > median, distribution is skewed right

3. median = 26

4. Answers will vary. Yes, I was correct.

5. a.

Minutes to Get Ready for School



b. mean > median because distribution is skewed right

c. mean = 30.96, median = 30

6. Add a dot above the 11, add a dot above 12, take one dot away from over the 14, and add numbers to the scale on the number line through 18. Add a dot above 18.

7. Mean = 1.35 and Median = 1

8. The 7 looks like an outlier.

9. Mean is larger than the median because the data is skewed to the right and the outlier at 7 is an influential value.

10. a. Mean = 30.9 and Median = 22.5

b. The distribution should be skewed to the right because the mean > median indicating that there are higher values spread out above the median.

c. The two 60's and the 80 values appear to be unusually high when compared to the other values in the distribution.

d. There is no reason to believe that these are "bad data" but just that a few students have a lot of preparation to get ready for school.

11. If the distribution is uniform, the mean and the median will be close to the same as in a symmetrical distribution.

12. Answers may vary.

a. Math test grades are usually skewed left so the median is best to use as the typical value.

b. Hours watching television is often skewed right since few students have time to watch a large amount of television. Using the median as the measure of center for a skewed distribution is a good idea since the effect of extreme values is not as much as it would be with the mean.