

Going Bananas

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Monkeys are competing on the beach beneath cabanas.
Going for the gold, five monkeys gobble up bananas.
Judges track the *data* jotting down each monkey's score,
'till the monkeys at the beach can eat not one banana more.



Judges post the totals of bananas each consumed:
10, 10, 18, 20, and a whopping 42!
Add up the bananas in this dandy data set. (100!)
Divide by 5 to find the *mean* and.... 20's what you get.

The *mode* refers to figures that appear once—and again.
The most repeated number in this data set is 10.
In math, position matters. Like a “monkey in the middle,”
the *median* is 18 in this silly data riddle.

