MATH: Mean, Median, Mode GRADES: Middle

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.





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