

# Weighted Averages and Missing Data Values

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## Quick Review and Helpful Hints

A *weighted average* multiplies each value by its weight (or count), adds the products, then divides by the total weight. To find a *missing value* when the mean is known, multiply the mean by the number of values to get the total, then subtract the values you know.

▶ **Example:** A student scores 80 on 2 tests and 95 on 3 tests. Find the weighted average. **Work:**  $\frac{80(2) + 95(3)}{2 + 3} = \frac{160 + 285}{5} = \frac{445}{5}$ .

$$\frac{\sum(\text{value} \times \text{weight})}{\sum \text{weight}}$$

★ **Answer:** 89

Multiply, add, then divide.

### Practice Problems

Find each average or missing value.

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| 1. Mean of 4, 6, 8<br>_____                                       | 8. Mean of 2, 4, 6, 8, 10<br>_____                                              |
| 2. Mean of 10, 20, 30, 40<br>_____                                | 9. Mean of 4 values is 10; three are 8, 10, 12. Find the missing value<br>_____ |
| 3. $\frac{90(1) + 80(1)}{2}$<br>_____                             | 10. $\frac{100(3) + 50(1)}{4}$<br>_____                                         |
| 4. $\frac{70(2) + 100(3)}{5}$<br>_____                            | 11. Mean of 12, 18<br>_____                                                     |
| 5. Mean of 3 tests is 80; two are 75, 85. Find the third<br>_____ | 12. Mean of two is 20; one is 15. Find the other<br>_____                       |
| 6. Mean of 5, 5, 5, 5<br>_____                                    | 13. $\frac{80(2) + 90(2)}{4}$<br>_____                                          |
| 7. $\frac{60(1) + 90(2)}{3}$<br>_____                             | 14. Mean of 3, 7, 11<br>_____                                                   |

### Word Problems

15. Grades: 85 on 2 tests and 95 on 2 tests. Find the weighted average.  
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16. A class of 10 averages 70; a class of 20 averages 85. Find the combined average.  
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17. Five quiz scores average 8; four of them are 7, 9, 8, 10. Find the fifth.  
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18. Homework counts 40% and the exam 60%. Homework = 90, exam = 80. Find the final grade.  
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## Answer Keys

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### Step-by-Step Explanations

1. Start by naming the process: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total.

The setup/work is  $\frac{4 + 6 + 8}{3} = \frac{18}{3} = 6$ . So the final answer is 6.

2. A good way to think about this is: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is  $\frac{100}{4} = 25$ . So the final answer is 25.

3. Step by step: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is  $\frac{90 + 80}{2} = 85$ . So the final answer is 85.

4. Take it one move at a time: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is  $\frac{140 + 300}{5} = \frac{440}{5} = 88$ . So the final answer is 88.

5. Start by naming the process: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is Total =  $80 \times 3 = 240$ . The two known scores sum to 160, so the third =  $240 - 160 = 80$ . So the final answer is 80.

6. A good way to think about this is: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is All values are 5: mean 5. So the final answer is 5.

7. Step by step: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is  $\frac{60 + 180}{3} = \frac{240}{3} = 80$ . So the final answer is 80.

8. Take it one move at a time: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is  $\frac{30}{5} = 6$ . So the final answer is 6.

9. Start by naming the process: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is Total =  $10 \times 4 = 40$ . Subtract 30: missing = 10. So the final answer is 10.

10. A good way to think about this is: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total.

The setup/work is  $\frac{300 + 50}{4} = \frac{350}{4} = 87.5$ . So the final answer is 87.5.

11. Step by step: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is  $\frac{12 + 18}{2} = 15$ . So the final answer is 15.

12. Take it one move at a time: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is Total =  $20 \times 2 = 40$ . Subtract 15: other = 25. So the final answer is 25.

13. Start by naming the process: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is  $\frac{160 + 180}{4} = \frac{340}{4} = 85$ . So the final answer is 85.

14. A good way to think about this is: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is  $\frac{3 + 7 + 11}{3} = \frac{21}{3} = 7$ . So the final answer is 7.

15. Step by step: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is  $\frac{85(2) + 95(2)}{4} = \frac{170 + 190}{4} = 90$ . So the final answer is 90.

16. Take it one move at a time: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is  $\frac{10(70) + 20(85)}{30} = \frac{2400}{30} = 80$ . So the final answer is 80.

17. Start by naming the process: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is Total =  $8 \times 5 = 40$ . Subtract 34: fifth = 6. So the final answer is 6.

18. A good way to think about this is: For an average, add the values and divide by how many values there are; for a missing value, work backward from the total. The setup/work is  $0.4(90) + 0.6(80) = 36 + 48 = 84$ . So the final answer is 84.



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