



MATHCOUNTS

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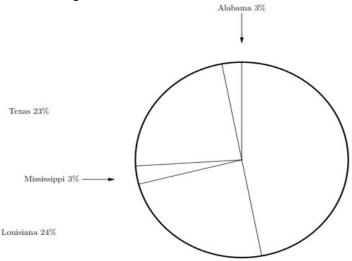
Data Displays





Try these problems before watching the lesson.

 The circle graph shows the percentage of miles of the Gulf of Mexico coastline by state in the U.S. The total number of miles is 1631. What is the number of miles of Gulf coastline for Mississippi? Express your answer to the nearest ten.



2. A standard six-sided die was rolled repeatedly. The frequency table below shows how many times each number was rolled. What is the mean of the 20 numbers rolled? Express your answer as a decimal to the nearest hundredth.

Numbers	1	2	3	4	5	6
Times rolled	4	4	3	4	2	3

3. The graph shows the results when 100 teachers reported the number of years they have been teaching. What percent of these teachers have been teaching more than 5 years but no more than 15 years?



4. A frequency distribution of the scores for Mr. Sampson's algebra class is shown. What percent of the class received a score in the 60-69% range?

Test Scores	Frequencies
90% - 100%	IIII
80% - 89%	IIII IIII
70% - 79%	IIII II
60% - 69%	IIII I
Below 60%	II

5. The stem-and-leaf plot shows the number of minutes and seconds of one ride on each of the 17 top-rated roller coasters in the world. In the stem-and-leaf plot, 2 | 20

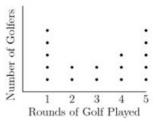
represents 2 minutes, 20 seconds, which is the same as 140 seconds. What is the median of this data set? Express your answer in seconds.

0	28	28	50	43 30	
1	00	02			
2	20	25	35	43	45
3	00	00	00	30	36
4	00	00			



Take a look at the following problems and follow along as they are explained in the video.

6. The number of rounds of golf played by each golfer of an amateur golf association is shown in the chart. What is the average number of rounds played by each player? Express your answer to the nearest whole number.

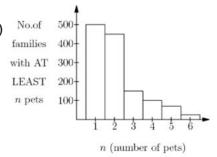


7. The chart below was created from the results of a radio station survey. What percent of the males

surveyed listen to the station?

	Listened to Station	Did not Listen to Station	Total
Male	39%	13%	52%
Female	29%	19%	48%
Total	68%	32%	100%

8. According to the graph, what is the mode of the number of pets (n) among the families surveyed?

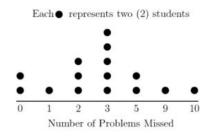






Use the skills you practiced in the warm-up and strategies from the video to solve the following problems.

9. Use the histogram to determine the mean number of problems missed on the last mathematics test.



10. Mr. Franks gave a final exam worth 200 points. The distribution of scores is shown below in a stemand-leaf plot. What was the median score on the exam?

11. Complete the following two-way frequency table in order to figure out what percent of students who preferred math also prefer team sports.

	Prefer Team Sports	Prefer Individual Sports	Total
Prefer English	60		
Prefer Math		45	
Total		75	150



To extend your understanding and have a little fun with math, try the following activities.

Simpson's Paradox Exploration

In 1973, University of California, Berkeley released admissions figures that seemed to suggest men were much more likely to be admitted to graduate programs than women. The associate dean of the graduate school was worried they would be sued for gender discrimination, and asked statisticians to investigate.

	Applicants	Admitted	
Men	8442	44%	
Women	4321	35%	

Graduate departments have their own admissions systems, and when they were checked separately, statisticians found they actually *favored* women!

Take a look at the data from the largest departments and see if you can figure out what's going on here. (Hint: Highlight or circle the largest number and percent of applicants accepted for each department.)

Department	Men		Women		
	Applicants	Admitted	Applicants	Admitted	
1	825	62%	108	82%	
2	560	63%	25	68%	
3	325	37%	593	34%	
4	417	33%	375	35%	
5	191	28%	393	24%	
6	373	6%	341	7%	

Wrapped your head around that one?

Now try to create your own set of data displays in which overall conclusions seem to form a contradiction.