

Mathematical Melodies

What Does It Mean?

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I think I'm kind of confused...don't you see
About this thing they call...Central Tendency
Apparently, it's used to summarize...lots of data
Without it all that's collected is just...blah, blah, blah

What does it mean? I've got to go find out somewhere
How, how can it be? I guess I'll go check my book now

I opened it and here's what I see... lots of mumbo jumbo staring at me
All this mumbo jumbo's really scary...but I really need to start and study

Oh, what, what does it mean? I've got to go find out somehow
Oh, how, how can it be? I guess I should start reading now

It says here that something is mean...Or is it a someone they're referring to?
Oh wait! It's the name of a term!...I need to go find more clues
So the mean is like the average...We add up all the values we got
Then we divide by how many they are...That's it? I'm surprised I forgot

Oh, I think I get what it means! Let's see what else is there
Now that that part is done...What else do I have to prepare?

So the median is a bit more work...line the numbers up in order
From least to greatest or greatest to least...if you feel like it, you can even draw a border
Go find the middle number...that's what I have to do
If there is no middle number...Find the mean of the middle two

Oh I think I get what it means! Let's see what else is there
Now that that part is done...what else do I have to prepare?

There's one more type out there...and it is called the mode
It's very easy to find...just look at all the numbers showed
The number that shows up the most...that number is the one
Sometimes you might get more...but sometimes you might have none

So these are the central tendencies...mean and average are just the same
Medians the middle one...the one that shows up most, the mode is the name

Oh! Now I get what it means!...finally, it all makes sense
Central tendencies aren't that hard...I guess I'm not really that dense!
Oh! Now I get what it means!...I'm gonna do my best
With the mean, median and mode...Boy! I'm gonna ace this test!