## 12-1 Box-and-Whisker Plots

## Vocabulary

## Review

Percent means parts per 100. Percentiles separate a data set into 100 equal parts.
Write percent or percentile to complete each sentence.

1. In a bag of coins, 20 of the 80 coins are pennies. So, 25 ? of the coins are pennies.
2. A score at the 70th ? of a data set is greater than or equal to 70 $\qquad$ of the scores.
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## Vocabulary Builder

quartile (noun) KWAR tyl
Definition: A quartile is one of three values that divide a data set into four parts such that each part contains the same number of data values.

Math Usage: The median, or second quartile, separates the data into upper and lower halves. The first quartile is the median of the lower half of the data. The third quartile is the median of the upper half of the data.

Related Term: The interquartile range is the difference between the third and first quartiles. In the example above, the interquartile range is $30-11=19$.

## - Use Your Vocabulary

Write T for true or F for false.
$\qquad$ 3. The quartiles of a data set divide the data so that each part has the same range.
4. The quartiles of a data set divide the data so that there is an equal number of scores in each part.
5. The second quartile of a data set is greater than about $50 \%$ of the scores.

Find the second quartile for each set of data.
6. $8 \quad 15 \quad 19 \quad 21 \quad 25 \quad 25 \quad 29$
7. $17 \begin{array}{llllllll}17 & 28 & 30 & 30 & 32 & 33 & 35 & 39\end{array}$
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## Problem 1 Summarizing a Data Set

Gof It? What are the minimum (least value), first quartile, median, third quartile, and maximum (greatest value) of the data set?

| 95 | 85 | 75 | 85 | 65 | 60 | 100 | 105 | 75 | 85 | 75 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

8. Arrange the data in order from least to greatest. Then circle the median.

| 60 | 65 | 75 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 95 | 100 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

9. The minimum data value is

The maximum data value is
10. Write each data value from Exercise 8 in the correct box.

Values to the left of the median: Values to the right of the median:



Complete the first sentence. Then underline the correct word to complete the second sentence.
11. The median of the numbers to the left of the median is

This is the first / third quartile.
12. The median of the numbers to the right of the median is

This is the first / third quartile.

A box-and-whisker plot is a graph that summarizes a set of data by displaying it along a number line. It consists of three parts: a box and two whiskers.


## Problem 2 Making a Box-and-Whisker Plot

Got It? What box-and-whisker plot represents the following monthly sales, in millions of dollars, of audio devices?

| 15 | 4 | 9 | 16 | 10 | 16 | 8 | 14 | 25 | 34 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

13. Order the data from least to greatest.
14. Draw a line from the description in Column $A$ to the value in Column B.

## Column A

minimum value 9
maximum value 34
median 14.5
first quartile 16
third quartile 4
15. Use the number line and the box-and-whisker plot below. Label the minimum, maximum, and quartiles on the plot with the values from Exercise 14.


## Problem 3 Interpreting Box-and-Whisker Plots

Got It? Use the box-and-whisker plots below. What do the medians tell you about the average monthly rainfalls for Miami and New Orleans?

Average Monthly Rainfall (in.)


New Orleans, LA


Source: National Climatic Data Center
16. Circle the median of each box-and-whisker plot.

| Miami |  |  |  | New Orleans |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 7.1 | 4.5 | 1.75 | 8.6 | 2.25 | 3 | 6.9 | 6 | 5.3 | 4.8 |

17. What do the medians tell you about the average monthly rainfall for the two cities?

## Problem 4 Finding a Percentile Rank

Got It? Of 25 test scores, there are 15 scores less than or equal to 85 . What is the percentile rank of a test score of 85 ?
18. Complete the reasoning model below.
I should write a ratio to compare the number
of scores less than or equal to 85 to the total
number of test scores.
19. A test score of 85 in this group of test scores ranks at the
percentile.

## Lesson Check - Do you UNDERSTAND?

## Vocabulary Which portion of a box-and-whisker plot represents the interquartile range? <br> Write T for true or F for false.

20. The interquartile range is the difference between the third and first quartiles.
21. The first quartile is the leftmost point of the left whisker.
22. The first quartile is the leftmost point on the box.
23. The third quartile is the rightmost point on the box.
24. Multiple Choice Which portion of a box-and-whisker plot represents the interquartile range?
(A) the maximum and minimum values
(C) the length of the box
(B) the length of the right whisker
(D) the vertical line through the box

## Math Success

Check off the vocabulary words that you understand.
quartile
$\square$ interquartile range
$\square$ box-and-whisker plotpercentile rank

Rate how well you can make and interpret box-and-whisker plots.


