

7.1**Practice A**

In Exercises 1 and 2, (a) find the mean, median, and mode of the data set and (b) determine which measure of center best represents the data. Explain.

1. 3, 5, 2, 4, 3, 4, 3, 5, 16
2. 13, 16, 10, 15, 12
3. The table shows the lengths of 9 songs.

Song lengths (minutes)	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.8	7.2	4.2	3.4	3.5	3.5
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- a. Find the mean, median, and mode of the lengths.
- b. Which measure of center best represents the data? Explain.
- c. Identify the outlier. How does the outlier affect the mean, median, and mode?
- d. Describe one possible explanation for the outlier.

In Exercises 4 and 5, find the value of x .

4. 3, 6, 4, 10, x ; The mean is 6.
5. 13, 15, 17, x , 20, 21; The median is 18.
6. The heights of a boys and girls track team are shown. Find the range of the heights for each team. Compare your results.

Boys' heights (inches)	84	75	77	82	80	80	81	78	79	80
Girls' heights (inches)	70	66	68	72	75	70	67	70	72	67

In Exercises 7 and 8, find (a) the range and (b) the standard deviation of the data set.

7. 15, 25, 10, 20, 35
8. 110, 88, 92, 104, 113, 107
9. Consider the data in Exercise 6.
 - a. Find the standard deviation of the heights of the boys track team. Interpret your result.
 - b. Find the standard deviation of the heights of the girls track team. Interpret your result.
 - c. Compare the standard deviations for the boys and the girls track teams. What can you conclude?