

Pointon & Sangwin Style Task: The Mean

<p>1. Factual Recall</p> <p>Write a formula for finding the mean.</p>	<p>2. Carry out a routine, calculation or algorithm</p> <p>Find the mean of these values:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 4 11 8 6</p>	<p>3. Classify some mathematical object</p> <p>For each set of values, say whether the mean is:</p> <p>greater than 4 less than 4 equal to 4</p> <p>a) 4 4 4 4 3 4 4 4</p> <p>b) 4 5 4 4 4 4 4 4</p> <p>c) 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 5</p>	<p>4. Interpret a situation or answer</p> <p>In a test the mean score was 64%. In the next test the mean went down. Which of these are true?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyones score went down. • At least one persons score went down. • Someones score may have gone up. • The highest score in the first test is greater than the highest score in the second test.
<p>5. Prove, show, justify</p> <p>Show that if you double each number in a set of values, the mean of the set will double too.</p>	<p>6. Extend a concept</p> <p>Find the missing value.</p> <p>11 5 7 8 ? $\bar{x} = 8$</p>	<p>7. Construct an instance</p> <p>Construct a set of five different odd numbers that has a mean of 7.</p>	<p>8. Criticise a fallacy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>" The mean is always positive "</i></p> <p>Explain why this is not true and give an example.</p>