6.SP Mean or Median?

Task

Bobbie is a sixth grader who competes in the 100 meter hurdles. In eight track meets during the season, she recorded the following times (to the nearest one hundredth of a second).

18.11, 31.23, 17.99, 18.25, 17.50, 35.55, 17.44, 17.85

a. What is the mean of Bobbie's times for these track meets? What does this mean tell you in terms of the context?

b. What is the median of Bobbie's times? What does this median tell you in terms of the context?

c. What information can you gather by comparison of the mean and median?



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