4.1 Describing Data

The following data represents the temperature at 4 towns in Mathechusettes when lightning struck.

Numbersville	Realtown	Linesville	Maths Meadow
95 97 88 86 92 94	66 68 75 77 66 74	58 55 58 57 54	86 72 73 78 81 80

1. Find the following values, rounding to the nearest tenth when necessary:

Numbersville	Realtown	Linesville	Maths Meadow
Mean:	Mean:	Mean:	Mean:
Median:	Median:	Median:	Median:
Range:	Range:	Range:	Range:
Standard Deviation:	Standard Deviation:	Standard Deviation:	Standard Deviation:

a. Which town has the greatest range of temperature?

b. What town has the least variation in temperature? Justify by talking about the standard deviation.

2. Find the value of x.

a.	20, x , 77, 11, 43; The median is 43.	b.	60, 75, 120, x ; The median is 75.5
c.	13, x , 19, 20, 18, 17. The mean is 17.	d.	37, 46, x , 63, 88 ; The mean is 50.
e.	12, 19, 20, 24, x . The mean is 22.	f.	30, 90, 60, 50, 120, x ; The median is 65

Answers:

1.

Numbersville	Realtown	Linesville	Maths Meadow Mean: 78.3
Mean: 92	Mean: 71	Mean: 56.4	
Median: 93	Median: 71	Median: 57	Median: 79
Range: 11	Range: 11	Range: 4	Range: 14
Standard Deviation: 4.2	Standard Deviation: 4.9	Standard Deviation: 1.8	Standard Deviation: 5.2

a. *Maths Meadow* has the greatest range in temperature.

b. *Linesville* had the least variation in temperature because the standard deviation is the lowest at 1.8.

2. a. x can be any number between (and including) 43 and 77 b. x = 76 c. x = 15 d. x = 16 e. x = 35 f. x = 70