

The **mean** is usually the best average when no numbers in the data set are significantly different from the other numbers.

**(No outliers)**

**(Decimals would make sense)**

The **median** is usually the best average when there are numbers in the data set that are significantly different.

**(There are outliers)**

**(When you want to know what one half has more or fewer of)**

**(When the mean is a decimal and would not make sense)**

The **mode** is usually the best average when the data represents measures, such as shoe sizes or clothing sizes.

**(A store needs to restock the sizes that sell most often.)**