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**Being mean about the mean.**

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From the text: On several occasions recently I have heard teachers say that they want their learners to understand which of 'the big three' averages (mean, mode and median) is the most suitable one to use in different circumstances. However, on none of these occasions have I seen a clear example that I have agreed with of when one average is obviously 'more appropriate' than the others.

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