


<b>Cornell Notes</b> 	<b>Topic/Objective:</b> TEKS: 8.11B <i>Determine the MAD and use this quantity as a measure of the avg. distance data are from the mean using a data set of no more than 10 data points.</i>	<b>Name:</b>
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**Essential Question:** *How can you determine and use the mean absolute deviation of a set of data points?*

**Questions:**

What is mean absolute deviation (MAD)?

**Notes:**

The mean absolute deviation is a measure of variation. The MAD is the average of how far the elements in a data set are from the “mean” of the data set.

YOU MAD?????

**Steps for Calculating MAD**

1. Find the average of your data set
2. Calculate the absolute value of each data points distance from the average found in Step 1
3. Find the average of those distances found in Step 2.

**Example 1:**

Student A has test scores 85, 89, 82, 78 and 89.

Student B has test scores 70, 85, 72, 95, and 83.

Find the MAD for each student and determine who the more consistent test taker is.

**Example: the Mean Deviation of 3, 6, 6, 7, 8, 11, 15, 16**

How can I find the mean absolute deviation of the following set {3,6,6,7,8,11,15,16}?

Step 1: Find the **mean**:

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{3 + 6 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 11 + 15 + 16}{8} = \frac{72}{8} = 9$$

Step 2: Find the **distance** of each value from that mean:

Value	Distance from 9
3	6
6	3
6	3
7	2
8	1
11	2
15	6
16	7

Step 3. Find the **mean of those distances**:

$$\text{Mean Deviation} = \frac{6 + 3 + 3 + 2 + 1 + 2 + 6 + 7}{8} = \frac{30}{8} = 3.75$$

So, the **mean = 9**, and the **mean deviation = 3.75**

**Math TALK! What is the difference between a measure of center and a measure of variability?**

**A measure of center is a number that indicates where the "middle" or center of a data set is, while a measure of variability is a number that indicates how much the data are spread out from the center of the data.**

Summary: "CREATE YOUR OWN SUMMARY"