

# DISSOLVED OXYGEN

Find the mean, or average, of your results.  
Unit of measurement: mg/L

Do your three tests finding dissolved oxygen (mg/L).



Take your three results

Example

9.1, 8.9, 8.7

and find the mean.

To find the mean, first add up the three results.

Example

$$9.1 + 8.9 + 8.7 = 26.7$$

Then, divide the total by 3 (the number of tests you completed).

Example

$$26.7 \div 3 = 8.9$$

8.9 would be your mean, or average.

Formula:

$$\frac{\text{Test } \#1}{\text{Total}} + \frac{\text{Test } \#2}{\text{Total}} + \frac{\text{Test } \#3}{\text{Total}} = \underline{\quad}$$
$$\underline{\quad} \div 3 = \frac{\text{Mean}}{\text{Total}}$$

Practice: find the mean

1. 9, 7.5, 8.2

$$9 + 7.5 + 8.2 = 24.7$$

$$24.7 \div 3 = \underline{\quad}$$

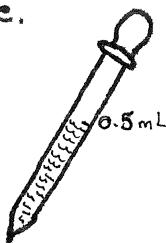
2. 6.7, 7.8, 6.9

3. 9.1, 8.7, 9.0

# TURBIDITY

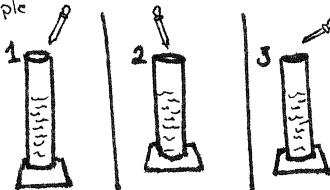
Calculate Jackson Turbidity Units, or JTU.  
Unit of measurement: JTU

Fill each dropper to the 0.5 mL line.



Count the number of times you filled the dropper to the line and emptied it into the beaker.

Example



Multiply the number of droppers by 5.

Example

$$3 \text{ droppers} \times 5 = 15$$

15 JTU

is your answer

Formula:

$$\frac{\# \text{ of droppers}}{} \times 5 = \frac{\text{JTU}}{}$$

Practice: Find JTU

1. 5 droppers

2. 2 droppers

3. 4 droppers

# FECAL COLIFORM

Find the highest number.

Unit of measurement: FC/100mL

Look at your three results

Example

42    47    85

Which number is the highest?

Example

85

Practice: find the highest number

1. 58 , 47, 56

2. 69, 71 , 73

3. 80, 80, 61

# NITRATES

Find the mean, or average.

(Unit of measurement: mg/L)

Add up your three results.

Example

$$0.9 + 0.7 + 0.9 = 2.5$$

Divide your total by 3  
(or the number of tests you completed.)

Example

$$2.5 \div 3 = 0.8\bar{3}$$

$0.8\bar{3}$  is your mean or average.

Formula:

$$\frac{\overline{\text{Test } \#1}}{\overline{\text{Total}}} + \frac{\overline{\text{Test } \#2}}{\overline{\text{Total}}} + \frac{\overline{\text{Test } \#3}}{\overline{\text{Total}}} = \frac{\overline{\text{Total}}}{\overline{\text{Total}}}$$
$$\frac{\overline{\text{Total}}}{3} = \frac{\overline{\text{Mean}}}{\overline{\text{Mean}}}$$

Practice: find the mean

1.  $0.8, 0.5, 0.7$

2. ~~0.1, 0.2, 0.3~~

3.  $0.8, 0.8, 0.75$

pH

Find the mode, or most common number.

Unit of measurement: pH units

Record your three results.

Example

6  
Test #1      6  
Test #2      6.5  
Test #3

Which is the most common number?

Example

6

Practice: find the mode

1. 6, 7, 7

2. 5, 7, 5

3. 6, 8, 8

# ANSWER KEY

## Dissolved Oxygen

1. 8.1 mg/L
2. 7.1 mg/L
3. 8.9 mg/L

## Turbidity

1. 25 JTU
2. 10 JTU
3. 20 JTU

## Fecal Coliform

1. 58 FC/100 mL
2. 73 FC/100 mL
3. 80 FC/100 mL

## Nitrates

1. 0.6 mg/L
2. 0.2 mg/L
3. 0.8 mg/L

## pH

1. 7 pH units
2. 5 pH units
3. 8 pH units