Secondary One Mathematics:
An Integrated Approach
Module 8
Modeling Data

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8.1 Texting by the Numbers
A Solidify Understanding Task

Technology changes quickly and yet has a large impact on our lives. Recently, Rachel was busy chatting with her friends via text message when her mom was trying to also have a conversation with her. Afterward, they had a discussion about what is an appropriate amount of texts to send each day. Since they could not agree, they decided to collect data on the number of texts people send on any given day. They each asked 24 of their friends the following question: “What is the average number of texts you SEND each day?” The data and histogram representing all 48 responses are below:

{150, 5.5, 6, 5, 3, 10, 150, 15, 20, 15, 6, 5, 3, 6, 0, 5, 12, 25, 16, 35, 5, 2, 13, 5, 130, 145, 155, 150, 162, 80, 140, 150, 165, 138, 175, 275, 85, 137, 110, 143, 138, 142, 164, 70, 150, 36, 150, 150}

Part I: What information can you conclude based on the histogram above?

Represent the same data by creating a box plot below.
Describe the pros and cons of each representation (histogram and box plot). In other words, what information does each representation highlight? What information does each representation hide or obscure?

Part II: Prior to talking about the data with her mom, Rachel had created a box plot using her own data she collected and it looked quite different than when they combined their data.

![Box plot diagram]

Average number of texts sent each day

Describe the data Rachel collected from her friends. What does this information tell you?

What do you think is a reasonable number of texts Rachel can send per day?

Rachel wants to continue sending her normal number of texts (average of 100 per day) and her mom would like her to decrease this by half. Present an argument for each side, using mathematics to justify each person’s request.
8.1 Texting by the Numbers – Teacher Notes
A Solidify Understanding Task

**Purpose:** In this task, students will use prior knowledge to interpret data using a histogram, and then represent the same data with a box plot. Students will also discuss the similarities/differences of these representations and surface ideas relating to effects of extreme data points (outliers) and data that is bimodal.

**Core Standards Focus:**

S.ID.1 Represent data with plots on the real number line (dot plots, histograms, and box plots).

S.ID.3 Interpret differences in shape, center, and spread in the context of the data sets, accounting for possible effects of extreme data points (outliers).

**Related Standards:** S.ID.2

**Launch (Whole Class):**
Share with students that this task is about the average number of texts sent each day. Read the scenario, and then have students work in pairs to answer the questions related to the data.

**Explore (Small Group), part 1:**
As you monitor, listen to the interpretation of the histogram and press students to describe the distribution (shape, center, and spread). Look for students who talk about the data having two ‘modes’ and their conjectures for why that may be (have them share the two mode conversation during the whole group discussion). When students are creating the box plot, remind them to label each quartile and listen for comments about the mean being 81.05 and that the data point of 275 is an outlier. Students have created box plots before, but may not realize that the value of 275 can be better represented as an outlier. During this time, select students to share these ideas. After most students have created the box plot to go with the same data and several have already written about the information each representation highlights, bring the class back together for the first whole group discussion.

**Discuss (Whole Class), part I:**
For this discussion, be sure to have the histogram displayed so everyone can make a visual connection to the description of the data. As the first student chosen shares their interpretation of the histogram, make sure they point to the histogram as they communicate their interpretation of the data. Students may not use the academic vocabulary of bimodal and outlier while sharing, but now is a good time to bring this up and have students write these in their journals. Next have a student share their box plot and go over their interpretation of same data (quartiles, median, variability, and possibly outlier).
If no one in your class has a box plot that shows 275 as an outlier, then their box plot will look like the one above. This is a natural transition into what each representation (histogram and box plot) highlights and what is hard to see. Afterward, explain how outliers can be represented in a box plot and show the modified version.

In summary, for this whole group discussion, be sure to get out the following:

- two modes with a description that people either seem to only do a few texts (less than 20) or a lot (between 140-180) per day,
- the data mostly lies between 0 and 180 texts per day with an outlier of 275 texts per day,
- the mean for the whole set of data is 81.05- does this seem relevant?
- the histogram better shows frequency while the box plot better shows quartile ranges and the median.

**Explore (Small Group), part II:**

For part II, students should conclude that Rachel’s friends are mostly representing the ‘upper mode’ of the data while her mom’s friends are the ‘lower mode’. Students may have already ‘guessed’ this during the first part of the task, however, they should now use the data from the box plot in part II to justify this statement.

If you would like your students to have the data after analyzing Rachel’s box plot, it is listed here:

Rachel’s mom: {150, 5.5, 6, 5, 3, 10, 150, 15, 20, 15, 6, 5, 3, 6, 0, 5, 12, 25, 16, 35, 5, 2, 13, 5}

Rachel: {130, 145, 155, 150, 162, 80, 140, 150, 165, 138, 175, 275, 85, 137, 110, 143, 138, 142, 164, 70, 150, 36, 150, 150}

**Discuss (Whole Class), part 2:**

The focus of this discussion is initially on the interpretation of Rachel’s data, then on the comparison of the two sets of data (Rachel’s friends versus Rachel’s mom’s friends).

**Aligned Ready, Set, Go: Modeling Data 8.1**
Ready, Set, Go!

**Ready**

Topic: Measures of central tendency

Sam’s test scores for the term were 60, 89, 83, 99, 95, and 60.

1. Suppose that Sam’s teacher decided to base the term grade on the mean.
   a. What grade would Sam receive?
   
   b. Do you think this is a fair grade? Explain your reasoning.

2. Suppose that Sam’s teacher decided to base the term grade on his median score.
   a. What grade would Sam receive?
   
   b. Do you think this is a fair grade? Explain your reasoning.

3. Suppose that Sam’s teacher decided to base the term grade on the mode score.
   a. What grade would Sam receive?
   
   b. Do you think this is a fair grade? Explain your reasoning.

4. Aiden’s test scores for the same term were 30, 70, 90, 90, 91, and 99. Which measure of central tendency would Aiden want his teacher to base his grade on? Justify your thinking.

5. Most teachers base grades on the mean. Do you think this is a fair way to assign grades? Why or why not?
Set
Topic: Examining data distributions in a box-and-whisker plot

60, 64, 68, 72, 76, 80, 80, 84, 84, 84, 88, 88, 92, 92, 96, 96, 96, 96, 96, 96, 96, 100, 100

6. Make a box-and-whisker plot for the following test scores.

7a. How much of the data is represented by the box?
   b. How much is represented by each whisker?

8. What does the graph tell you about student success on the test?

Go
Topic: Drawing histograms.

Use the data from the SET section to answer the following questions

9. Make a frequency table with intervals. Use an interval of 5.

10. Make a histogram of the data using your intervals of 5.

Need Help? Check out these related videos:

http://www.khanacademy.org/math/statistics/e/mean_median_and_mode
http://www.khanacademy.org/math/algebra/ck12-algebra-1/v/histograms
8.2 Data Distribution

A Practice Understanding Task

A lot of information can be obtained from looking at data plots and their distributions. It is important when describing data that we use context to communicate the shape, center, and spread.

Shape and spread:

- Modes: uniform (evenly spread- no obvious mode), unimodal (one main peak), bimodal (two main peaks), or multimodal (multi locations where the data is relatively higher than others).
- Skewed distribution: when most data is to one side leaving the other with a 'tail'. Data is skewed to side of tail. (if tail is on left side of data, then it is skewed left).
- Outliers: values that stand away from body of distribution.
- Normal distribution: curve is unimodal and symmetric.
- Variability: values that are close together have low variability; values that are spread apart have high variability.

Center:

- Analyze the data and see if one value can be used to describe the data set. Normal distributions make this easy. If not a normal distribution, determine if there is a ‘center’ value that best describes the data. Bimodal or multimodal data may not have a center that would provide useful data.

Part I: Use the Texting By the Numbers task to describe the shape, center, and spread.

1. Describe the distribution of the histogram that represents the data collected from Rachel and her mom (part I of Texting by the Numbers Task).
2. Describe the distribution of the box plot that represents the data collected from Rachel only (part II of Texting by the Numbers Task).

Part II: The following represents test scores from six different classes.

1. Describe the data distribution of each.
2. Compare data distributions between Adams and Smith.
3. Compare data distributions between Smith and Lemon.
4. Compare data distributions between Croft and Hurlea.
5. Compare data distributions between Jones, Adams, and Hurlea.
Data set I: Smith’s class

Data set II: Lemon’s class

Data set III: Croft’s Class

Data set IV: Adam’s Class

Data set V: Hurlea’s class

Data set VI: Jones’ class
8.2 Data Distribution – Teacher Notes

A Practice Understanding Task

**Purpose:** Students are already familiar with dot plots, box plots, and histograms. This task has them describe data distributions and compare shape, center, and spread of two or more sets of data.

**S.ID.2** Use statistics appropriate to the shape of the data distribution to compare center (median, mean) and spread (interquartile range, standard deviation) of two or more different data sets.

**S.ID.3** Interpret differences in shape, center, and spread in the context of the data sets, accounting for possible effects of extreme data points (outliers).

**Related Standards:** S.ID.1

**Note:** You may wish to enlarge each of the six data descriptions to use as a visual during the whole group discussion.

**Launch (Whole Class):**
Have students read the vocabulary to describe data distributions and ask them to describe the data from the task *Texting By the Numbers.*

**Explore (Small Group):**
Give students time to answer the questions comparing two data sets. Listen for students to use vocabulary in describing a given data set, and to compare shape, center, and spread of two or more data sets. Listen for students to notice outliers, variability between data (notice that Hurlea does not have the same viewing window as others), and other trends.

**Discuss (Whole Class):**
You may wish to enlarge each of the six data descriptions to use as a visual during the whole group discussion. As a whole class, go over description of each data distribution, charting information for each data representation. Based on small group conversations, choose which comparisons to share out in whole group. Be sure to include conversations that mention outliers, variability, skewed values, and interquartile ranges.

**Aligned Ready, Set, Go: Modeling Data 8.2**
Ready, Set, Go!

Ready
Topic: Sequences in statistics

In problems 1 – 4 you are to select the best answer based on the given data. Below your chosen answer is a confidence scale. Circle the statement that best describes your confidence in the correctness of the answer you chose.

1. Data:  1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, _____?  The next number in the list will be: _____
   a. larger than 32    b. positive    c. exactly 64    d. about 63.89

I am certain I am correct.  I am a little unsure.  I had no idea so I guessed.

What about the data made you feel the way you did about the answer you marked?

2. Data:  47, -13, -8, 9, -23, 14, _____?  The next number in the list will be: _____
   a. positive    b. negative    c. less than 100    d. less than -100

I am certain I am correct.  I am a little unsure.  I had no idea so I guessed.

What about the data made you feel the way you did about the answer you marked?

3. Data:  -10, ¾, 38, -10, ½, -81, -10, ¾, 93, -10, _____?  The next number in the list will be: _____
   a. more than 93    b. negative    c. a fraction    d. a whole number

I am certain I am correct.  I am a little unsure.  I had no idea so I guessed.

What about the data made you feel the way you did about the answer you marked?

4. Data:  50, -43, 36, -29, 22, -15, _____?  The next number in the list will be: _____
   a. odd    b. less than 9    c. two-digits    d. greater than -15

I am certain I am correct.  I am a little unsure.  I had no idea so I guessed.

What about the data made you feel the way you did about the answer you marked?
Set

Topic: Drawing histograms.

Mr. Austin gave a ten-point quiz to his 9th grade math classes. A total of 50 students took the quiz. Mr. Austin scored the quizzes and listed the scores alphabetically as follows.

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<tr>
<th>1st Period Math</th>
<th>2nd Period Math</th>
<th>3rd Period Math</th>
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<td>4, 5, 8, 6, 8,</td>
<td>9, 8, 10, 5, 9,</td>
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<td>9, 5, 4, 6, 6,</td>
<td>9, 5, 8, 5, 1,</td>
<td>7, 8, 9, 8, 5,</td>
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<tr>
<td>8, 5, 7, 5, 8,</td>
<td>5, 5, 7, 5, 7</td>
<td>8, 10, 8, 8, 5</td>
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<td>1, 8, 7, 10, 9</td>
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5. Use the ALL of the quiz data to make a frequency table with intervals. Use an interval of 2.

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<th>Score</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
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<td>2 - 3</td>
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<td>8 - 10</td>
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6. Use your frequency table to make a histogram for the data

7. Describe the data distribution of the histogram you created. Include words such as: mode, skewed, outlier, normal, symmetric, center, and spread, if they apply.
Go

8. What percent of 97 is 11?  
9. What percent of 88 is 132?

10. What percent of 84 is 9?  
11. What percent of 88.6 is 70?

12. What is 270% of 60?  
13. What is 84% of 25?

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http://www.khanacademy.org/math/algebra/ck12-algebra-1/v/histograms


8.3 After School Activity
A Develop Understanding Task

Part I

Rashid is in charge of determining the upcoming after school activity. To determine the type of activity, Rashid asked several students whether they prefer to have a dance or play a game of soccer. As Rashid collected preferences, he organized the data in the following two-way frequency table:

<table>
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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Girls</th>
<th>Boys</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Soccer</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>54</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dance</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>52</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>106</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Rashid is feeling unsure of the activity he should choose based on the data he has collected and is asking for help. To better understand how the data is displayed, it is useful to know that the outer numbers, located in the margins of the table, represent the total frequency for each row or column of corresponding values and are called marginal frequencies. Values that are part of the ‘inner’ body of the table are created by the intersection of information from the column and the row and they are called the joint frequencies. Using the data in the table, construct a viable argument and explain to Rashid which after school event he should choose.
Part II: Two way frequency tables allow us to organize categorical data in order to draw conclusions. For each set of data below, create a frequency table. When each frequency table is complete, write three sentences about observations of the data, including any trends or associations in the data.

**Data set 1:** There are 45 total students who like to read books. Of those students, 12 of them like non-fiction and the rest like fiction. Four girls like non-fiction. Twenty boys like fiction.

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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Fiction</th>
<th>Nonfiction</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>Boys</td>
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Observation 1:

Observation 2:

Observation 3:

**Data set 2:** 35 seventh graders and 41 eighth graders completed a survey about the amount of time they spend on homework each night. 50 students said they spent more than an hour. 12 eighth graders said they spend less than an hour each night.

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<td>More than one hour</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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Observation 1:

Observation 2:

Observation 3:
8.3 After School Activity – Teacher Notes

A Develop Understanding Task

**Purpose:** The purpose of this task is for students to make sense of two way frequency tables, to use the data to make an informed decision, and then construct a viable argument justifying their choice. Students will focus on different areas of the two way table so it is important that they are precise with their communication.

**Core Standards Focus:**

S.ID.5 Summarize categorical data for two categories in two-way frequency tables. Interpret relative frequencies in the context of the data (including joint, marginal, and conditional relative frequencies). Recognize possible associations and trends in the data.

**Launch (Whole Class):**
Read the scenario and clarify how a two way frequency table is created. Explain to students that their job is to interpret the table, choose the after school activity that makes the most sense to them, and then provide mathematical reasoning that would convince Rashid to make the same selection.

**Explore (Small Group):**
Give students time to interpret the data, moving from group to group making sure they are using mathematics to make sense of the data (for example, showing that 14 out of 106 girls chose soccer means that only 14% of all girls would like soccer to be the chosen after school activity). As you monitor, listen for different groups to select opposite after school activities. Press students to be very clear, using precise language to describe their mathematics. This will be important during the whole group discussion since the percentage for each situation varies depending on which ‘total’ students choose. This task is more about becoming familiar with how to find different percentages in a two way table and not about conditional probabilities. As students move to part II, help groups that struggle by asking “What are the two types of categorical data being compared?” or have them read one sentence only, then ask “Which cell of the table can be filled in based on this information?”

**Discuss (Whole Class):**
As a whole class, have two different groups share their recommendations for the after school activity. Have the first group share that selected the activity that was least chosen by the class. Ask the class if they have any questions for the group who presented, then ask the class if anyone who had chosen the other after school activity has changed their mind, and if so, explain why. Next, have a group share that chose the other activity. The purpose of this discussion is to highlight how to summarize data in a two way table, so be sure that the presenters communicate how they found each percentage presented and that all students can summarize a two way table. Move to part 2 of
the task and have someone explain how they set up the two way table for one of the problems in part 2. As a whole class, summarize the process for filling in a two way table.

**Aligned Ready, Set, Go: Modeling Data 8.3**
Ready, Set, Go!

Ready

Topic: Interpreting data from a scatter plot

1. The scatter plot compares shoe size and height in adult males. Based on the graph, do you think there is a relationship between a man’s shoe size and his height?

Explain your answer.

2. The scatter plot compares left-handedness to birth weight. Based on the graph, do you think being left-handed is related to a person’s birth weight?

Explain your answer.
Set

Topic: Two-way frequency tables.

Here is the data from Mr. Austin’s ten-point quiz. Students needed to score a 6 or better to pass the quiz.

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<td>9, 8, 10, 5, 9, 7, 9, 8, 3, 8, 10, 8, 7, 5</td>
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3. Make a two-way frequency table showing how many students passed the quiz and how many failed in each class.

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4. Use a colored pencil to lightly shade the cells containing the joint frequency numbers in the table. The un-shaded numbers are the marginal frequencies. (Use these terms to answer the following questions.)

5. If Mr. Austin wanted to see how many students in all 3 classes combined passed the quiz, where would he look?

6. If Mr. Austin wanted to write a ratio of the number of passing students compared to the number of failing students for each class, where would he find the numbers he would need to do this?

7. Make a two-way frequency table that gives the relative frequencies of the quiz scores for each class.

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8. Sophie surveyed all of the 6th grade students at Reagan Elementary School to find out which TV Network was their favorite. She thought that it would be important to know whether the respondent was a boy or a girl so she recorded her information this way.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Animal Planet</th>
<th>Cartoon Network</th>
<th>Disney</th>
<th>Nickelodeon</th>
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Sophie planned to use her data to answer the following questions:

I. Are there more girls or boys in the 6th grade?

II. Which network was the boys’ favorite?

III. Was there a network that was favored by more than 50% of one gender?

But when she looked at her chart, she realized that the data wasn’t telling her what she wanted to know. Her teacher suggested that her data would be easier to analyze if she could organize it into a two-way frequency chart. Help Sophie out by putting the frequencies into the correct cells.

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<th>Favorite TV Networks</th>
<th>Girls</th>
<th>Boys</th>
<th>Totals</th>
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Now that Sophie has her data organized, use the two-way frequency chart to answer her 3 questions.

a. Are there more girls or boys in the 6th grade?

b. Which network was the boys’ favorite?

c. Was there a network that was favored by more than 50% of one gender

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8.4 Relative Frequency

*A Solidify Understanding Task*

Rachel is thinking about the data she and her mom collected for the average number of texts a person sends each day and started thinking that perhaps a two-way table of the data they collected would help convince her mom that she does not send an excessive amount of texts for a teenager. The table separates each data point by age (teenager and adult) and by the average number of texts sent (more than 100 per day or less than 100 per day).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Average is more than 100 texts sent per day</th>
<th>Average is less than 100 texts sent per day</th>
<th>Total</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Teenager</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adult</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>48</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Write two observation statements of this two way table.

To further provide evidence, Rachel decided to do some research. She found that only 43% of people with phones send over 100 texts per day. She was disappointed that the data did not support her case and confused because it did not seem to match what she found in her survey. What questions do these statistic raise for you? What data should Rachel look for to support her case?

After looking more closely at the data, Rachel found other percentages within the same data that seemed more accurate with the data she collected from her teenage friends. How might Rachel use the data in the two way table to find percentages that would be useful for her case?

Part II: Once Rachel realized there are a lot of ways to look at a set of data in a two way table, she was self-motivated to learn about relative frequency tables and conditional frequencies. When the data is written as a percent, this is called a relative frequency table. In this situation, the ‘inner’ values represent a percent and are called conditional frequencies. The conditional values in a relative frequency table can be calculated as percentages of one of the following:

- the whole table (relative frequency of table)
- the rows (relative frequency of rows)
- the columns (relative frequency of column)
Since Rachel wants to emphasize that a person’s age makes a difference in the number of texts sent, the first thing she decided to do is focus on the ROW of values so she could write conditional statements about the number of texts a person is likely to send based on their age. This is called a relative frequency of row table. Fill in the percentage of teenagers for each of the conditional frequencies in the highlighted row below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>% of teenagers</th>
<th>Average is more than 100 texts sent per day</th>
<th>Average is less than 100 texts sent per day</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Teenager</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>% of Adults</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>% of People</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>48</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Since the PERCENTAGES created focus on ROW values, all conditional observations are specific to the information in the row. Complete the following sentence for the relative frequency of row:

Of all teenagers in the survey, ______ % average more than 100 texts per day.

Write another statement based on the relative frequency of row:

Below is the relative frequency of column using the same data. This time, all of the percentages are calculated using the data in the column.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>% of Teenagers</th>
<th>Average is more than 100 texts sent per day</th>
<th>Average is less than 100 texts sent per day</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Teenagers</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adults</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>48</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Write two conditional statements using the relative frequency of column.
This data represents the *relative frequency of whole table*:

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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>% of Teenagers</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>50%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>% of Adults</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td></td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>46%</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<tr>
<td>% of Total</td>
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<td>48</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>46%</td>
<td>54%</td>
<td>100%</td>
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</table>

Create two conditional distribution statements for the *relative frequency of whole table*:

How do *relative frequency tables* impact the way you look at data in two way tables?
8.4 Relative Frequency – Teacher Notes
A Solidify Understanding Task

**Purpose:** In this task students will examine different ways to interpret relative frequency tables and will write conditional distribution statements based on the relative frequency of row, column, or whole table. Using data from Texting By the Numbers, students will see how sometimes the average of a set of data does not communicate the distribution of data. They will also learn how conditional frequencies can provide a better picture of the data (or can at least call for more precision of describing the data).

**Core Standards Focus:**

S.ID.5 Summarize categorical data for two categories in two-way frequency tables. Interpret relative frequencies in the context of the data (including joint, marginal, and conditional relative frequencies). Recognize possible associations and trends in the data.

**Related Standards:**

**Note to teacher:** As part of accessing background knowledge and prior to launching the task, you may wish to remind students about the task Texting By the Numbers and how the data collected from the mother and daughter was quite different.

**Launch (Whole Class):**
Read the scenario and have students write and share a few observations about the two way table (review from the task After School Activity).

**Explore (Small Group):**
As students work through the task, listen for their conjectures about the data Rachel should focus on to make her case. After a few minutes, bring the class back together to discuss the types of relative frequency tables. Explain how each value is determined in the relative frequency of row. Have students work in pairs to complete the sentence frames and write conditional distribution statements for each of the three relative frequency tables. Give students time to consider all three tables and create statements about each table. Listen for understanding of each relative frequency table. To assist in writing sentences, remind students to pay attention to the focus of the table (whether the focus is the row, the column, or the entire table).

**Discuss (Whole Class):**
As a whole class, share sentences from the relative frequency of row. As each student shares their sentence, highlight how the statement focuses on the data distribution of each row. Depending on the amount of scaffolding needed, either have students look over their sentences for the next two tables and discuss them with their partner to make corrections or continue with the whole group discussion to solidify conditional distribution statements.

**Aligned Ready, Set, Go: Modeling Data 8.4**
Ready, Set, Go!

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Topic: Linear functions and relationships

Write the explicit linear function for the given information below.

1. (3, 7) (5, 13)

2. Mike earns $11.50 an hour

3. (-5, -2) (1, 10)

4. (-2, 12) (6, 8)

5. 

6. 

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Set
Topic: Relative Frequency Tables

For each two-way table below, create the indicated relative frequency table and also provide two observations with regard to the data.

7. This table represents survey results from a sample of students regarding mode of transportation to and from school.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Walk</th>
<th>Bike</th>
<th>Car Pool</th>
<th>Bus</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Boys</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>122</td>
<td>233</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Girls</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>53</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>192</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>201</td>
<td>425</td>
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</table>

Create the relative frequency of row table. Then provide two observation statements.

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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

8. The two-way table contains survey data regarding family size and pet ownership.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>No Pets</th>
<th>Own one Pet</th>
<th>More than one pet</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Families of 4 or less</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>172</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Families of 5 or more</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>215</td>
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</table>

Create the relative frequency of column table. Then provide two observation statements.

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9. The two-way table below contains survey data about boys and girls shoes.

<table>
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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Athletic shoes</th>
<th>Boots</th>
<th>Dress Shoe</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Girls</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>116</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boys</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>76</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>192</td>
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</table>

Create the relative frequency of whole table. Then provide two observation statements.

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</table>

**Go**

Topic: One variable statistical measures and comparisons

For each set of data determine the mean, median, mode and range. Then create either a box-and-whisker plot or a histogram.

10. 23, 24, 25, 20, 25, 29, 24, 25, 30
11. 20, 24, 10, 35, 25, 29, 24, 25, 33

12. How do the data sets in problems 10 and 11 compare to one another?

13. 2, 3, 4, 5, 3, 4, 7, 4, 4
14. 1, 1, 3, 5, 5, 10, 5, 1, 14

15. How do the data sets in problems 13 and 14 compare to one another?
8.5 Connect the Dots
A Develop Understanding Task

1. For each set of data:
   • Graph on a scatter plot.
   • Use technology (graphing calculator or computer) to calculate the correlation coefficient.

   Set A
   \[
   \begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
   2 & 2.3 & 3.3 & 3.7 & 4.2 & 4.6 & 4.5 & 5 & 5.5 & 5.7 & 6.1 & 6.4 \\
   1 & 1.5 & 2.5 & 1.9 & 2.8 & 3.2 & 4.5 & 3.7 & 1.7 & 4.8 & 2.7 & 2.3
   \end{array}
   \]

   Set B
   \[
   \begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
   2 & 2.3 & 3.3 & 3.7 & 4.2 & 4.6 & 4.5 & 5 & 5.5 & 5.7 & 6.1 & 6.4 \\
   1 & 1.5 & 2.5 & 1.9 & 2.8 & 3.2 & 4.5 & 3.7 & 4 & 4.8 & 5 & 4.6
   \end{array}
   \]

   Set C
   \[
   \begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
   2 & 2.3 & 3.3 & 3.7 & 4.2 & 4.6 & 4.5 & 5 & 5.5 & 5.7 & 6.1 & 6.4 \\
   4.7 & 4.9 & 4.2 & 3.9 & 3.5 & 3.2 & 3.1 & 2.6 & 3.2 & 2.1 & 1.3 & 0.8
   \end{array}
   \]

   Set D
   \[
   \begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
   2 & 2.3 & 3.3 & 3.7 & 4.2 & 4.6 & 4.5 & 5 & 5.5 & 5.7 & 6.1 & 6.4 \\
   4.7 & 4.9 & 3.6 & 3.9 & 2.1 & 4.5 & 3.1 & 1.7 & 3.7 & 2.1 & 1.3 & 1.8
   \end{array}
   \]

   Set E
   \[
   \begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
   2 & 2.3 & 3.3 & 3.7 & 4.2 & 4.6 & 4.5 & 5 & 5.5 & 5.7 & 6.1 & 6.4 \\
   4.7 & 4 & 4.2 & 3.9 & 2.8 & 3.2 & 4.5 & 3.7 & 3.2 & 4.8 & 5 & 4.4
   \end{array}
   \]

   Set F
   \[
   \begin{array}{cccccccc}
   2 & 2.3 & 3.3 & 3.7 & 4.2 & 4.6 & 4.5 & 5 \\
   1.8 & 2.22 & 3.62 & 4.18 & 4.88 & 5.44 & 5.3 & 6
   \end{array}
   \]

   Set G
   \[
   \begin{array}{cccccccc}
   2 & 2.3 & 3.3 & 3.7 & 4.2 & 4.6 & 4.5 & 5 \\
   4.4 & 4.01 & 2.71 & 2.19 & 1.54 & 1.02 & 1.15 & 0.5
   \end{array}
   \]

2. Put the scatter plots in order based upon the correlation coefficients.

3. Compare each scatter plot with its correlation coefficient. What patterns do you see?
4. Use the data in Set A as a starting point. Keeping the same x-values, modify the y-values to obtain a correlation coefficient as close to 0.75 as you can.

Record your data here.

| 2 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5   | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 6.4 |

What did you have to do with the data to get a greater correlation coefficient?

5. This time, again start with the data in Set A. Keep the same x-values, but this time, modify the y values to obtain a correlation coefficient as close to 0.25 as you can.

Record your data here.

| 2 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5   | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 6.4 |

What did you have to do with the data to get a correlation coefficient that is closer to 0?

6. One more time: start with the data in Set A. Keep the same x-values, modify the y-values to obtain a correlation coefficient as close to -0.5 as you can.

Record your data here.

| 2 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5   | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 6.4 |

What did you have to do with the data to get a correlation coefficient that is negative?

7. What aspects of the data does the correlation coefficient appear to describe?
8.5 Connect the Dots – Teacher Notes

A Develop Understanding Task

**Special Note to Teachers**: This task requires the use of technology that can calculate the correlation coefficient, r. Most graphing calculators will work well. GeoGebra, a powerful, free computer app available online at [www.geogebra.org](http://www.geogebra.org) would be very helpful and easy to use on this task.

**Purpose**: The purpose of this task is to develop an understanding of the correlation coefficient. The task asks students to plot various data sets and use technology to calculate the correlation coefficient. They will order the graphs and create new data sets to develop the idea that the correlation coefficient indicates the strength and direction of a linear relationship in the data.

**Core Standards Focus**:

**S.ID.8** Compute (using technology) and interpret the correlation coefficient of a linear fit.

S.ID Notes: Build on students’ work with linear relationships in eighth grade and introduce the correlation coefficient. The focus here is on the computation and interpretation of the correlation coefficient as a measure of how well the data fit the relationship. The important distinction between a statistical relationship and a cause-and-effect relationship arises in S.ID.9.

**Related Standards**: S.ID.6

**Launch (Whole Class)**: Since this is the first task in the module that uses scatter plots for bivariate data, begin by reminding students of the term and how they are constructed. Tell them that the purpose of this task is to come up with their own hypothesis about what features of the data the correlation coefficient describes. Show students how to enter data and calculate a correlation coefficient using whatever technology you have selected for your class. Also tell students that correlation coefficients can only be calculated for two quantitative variables. For the purpose of the classroom discussion, each student should plot the data and record the correlation coefficient on paper (either by hand or using a printer) for each problem. This will allow a so that they can compare and order the graphs, as well as use the data that they have created in problems 4-7 to confirm their hypothesis about the correlation coefficient.

**Explore (Small Group)**: Monitor students as they work to see that they are able to use the technology properly and are recording the graphs on paper. Once they have graphed and ordered each of the first 6 data sets, encourage them to speculate and share their ideas in the groups. Listen for students that are noticing that the values of r are between -1 and 1, that negative values describe decreasing trends, positive values describe increasing trends, that values of r near 0
correspond to data without noticeable patterns, and $r$ values near 1 or -1 describe data that appear to fit a linear model.

**Discuss (Whole Class):** Prepare for the discussion by reproducing the scatter plots for sets A-G (given below) so that they can be displayed for the entire class. Post the plots in order from -1 to 1 (G, C, D, E, A, B, F). Ask students for their ideas about the aspects of the data described by the correlation coefficient. Record a list that should include some or all of the following:

- $r$ values range between -1 and 1,
- negative values of $r$ describe negative association,
- positive values of $r$ describe positive association,
- values of $r$ near 0 correspond to data with a very weak linear relationship
- $r$ values near 1 or -1 describe data that fit a linear model

They may also have some ideas that may be abandoned later, based upon the discussion.

Turn the discussion to #4. Ask three students to display the scatter plots they made that have a correlation coefficient of .75. Ask the class to see what the three graphs have in common, emphasizing observations about the direction of the association and the appearance of linearity. Ask students how they adjusted the data in set A, for which $r = 0.49$, to increase $r$. Ask the class how the experience in # 4 either confirms or denies their hypotheses about the correlation coefficient.

Move through questions 5 and 6 in similar fashion. Then ask students how they could construct a data set that would have a correlation coefficient of 1 or -1. Tell students that a correlation of 1 or -1 is a perfect correlation, but doesn’t mean that one variable causes the other.

End the discussion by eliminating any remaining incorrect statements in the list of student ideas about the correlation coefficient and by writing and discussing the meaning of the following statement:

**The correlation coefficient measures the strength and direction of a linear relationship between two quantitative variables.**

Scatter plots and correlation coefficients for class discussion are below:
Set A

R = 0.4966

Set B

R = 0.9355

Set C

R = -0.9439
Set D

\[ R = -0.7745 \]

Set E

\[ R = 0.07 \]

Set F

\[ R = 1 \]
Set G

Aligned Ready, Set, Go: *Modeling Data 8.5*
Ready, Set, Go!

Topic: Estimating the line of best fit

Examine the scatterplot below. Imagine that you drew a straight line through the general pattern of the points, keeping as close as possible to all points with as many points above the line as below.

1. Predict a possible y-intercept and slope for that line.
   a. y-intercept: ________________
   b. slope: ________________

2. Sketch the line that you imagined for question #1 and write an equation for that line.
Set

Topic: Estimating the correlation coefficient

Match the scatterplot with its correlation coefficient.

3. 

4. 

Possible Correlation Coefficients

a. 0.05 

b. 0.97 

c. -0.94 

d. -0.49 

e. 0.68 

5. 

6. 

7. 

Go

Topic: Visually comparing slopes of lines

Follow the prompt to sketch the graph of a line on the same grid with the given characteristics.

8. A larger slope

9. A smaller slope

10. A larger y-intercept and a smaller slope

11. Slope is the negative reciprocal

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8.6 Making More $  
*A Solidify Understanding Task*

Each year the U.S. Census Bureau provides income statistics for the United States. In the years from 1990 to 2005, they provided the data in the tables below. (All dollar amounts have been adjusted for the rate of inflation so that they are comparable from year-to-year.)

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1. Create a scatter plot of the data for men. What is your estimate of the correlation coefficient for these data?  
What is the actual correlation coefficient?  
What does it tell you about the relationship between income and years for men?

2. On a separate graph, create a scatter plot of the data for women. What is your estimate of the correlation coefficient for these data?  
What is the actual correlation coefficient?  
What does it tell you about the relationship between income and years for women?  
How does that compare to the data for men?
3. Estimate and draw a line of best fit for each set of data.
   a. Describe how you estimated the line for men. If you chose to run the line directly through any particular points, describe why you selected them.

   b. Describe how you estimated the line for women. If you chose to run the line directly through any particular points, describe why you selected them.

4. Write the equation for each of the two lines in slope intercept form.
   a. Equation for men:

   b. Equation for women:

5. Use technology to calculate a linear regression for each set of data. Add the regression lines to your scatter plots.
   a. Linear regression equation for men:

   b. Linear regression equation for women:

6. Compare your estimated line of best fit to the regression line for men. What does the slope mean in each case? (Include units in your answer.)

7. Compare your estimated line of best fit to the regression line for women. What does the y-intercept mean in each case? (Include units in your answer.)

8. Compare the regression lines for men and women. What do the lines tell us about the income of men vs women in the years from 1991-2005?

9. What do you estimate will be the median income for men and women in 2015?
10. The Census Bureau provided the following statistics for the years from 2006-2011.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Median Income for All Men</th>
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<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>37653</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>38014</td>
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<table>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>23395</td>
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<td>2010</td>
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<td>2009</td>
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<td>25005</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>24429</td>
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</table>

With the addition of these data, what would you now estimate the median income of men in 2015 to be? Why?

11. How appropriate is a linear model for men's and women's income from 1991-2011? Justify your answer.
8.6 Making More $ – Teacher Notes

A Solidify Understanding Task

Special Note to Teachers: This task requires the use of technology that can calculate the correlation coefficient, r. Most graphing calculators will work well. GeoGebra, a powerful, free computer app available online at www.geogebra.org would be very helpful and easy to use on this task.

Purpose: The purpose of this task is to solidify understanding of correlation coefficient and to develop linear models for data. Students are asked to estimate and calculate correlation coefficients. In the task they estimate lines of best fit and then compare them to the calculated linear regression. The task demonstrates the dangers of using a linear model to extrapolate well beyond the actual data. The task ends with an opportunity to use the correlation coefficient and scatter plot to determine the appropriateness of a linear model.

Core Standards Focus:

S.ID: Interpret linear models

S.ID.7 Interpret the slope (rate of change) and the intercept (constant term) of a linear model in the context of the data.

S.ID.8 Compute (using technology) and interpret the correlation coefficient of a linear fit.

Related Standards: S.ID.6

Launch (Whole Class): Introduce the task telling students that this task extends what they have done in previous modules to model situations with lines. In this case, they will be modeling real data, which is not usually perfectly linear (correlation coefficient of 1 or -1). Before actually beginning the task of making scatter plots, ask students to make some observations about the data in the two tables that show the median income for men and women. They may notice that women’s salaries are lower than men’s or that they both appear to be increasing over time. What questions are raised by these observations? Ask students to work on questions 1-4.

Explore (Small Group): Monitor students as they are working, observing their thinking about the plots. Encourage them to discuss the correlation coefficient with their group, noticing both the direction and the strength of the linear relationship. Many students may not feel that a linear model is appropriate for the men’s data because of the shape of the distribution. (Both scatter plots are shown below). Listen as student talk about their strategies for placing the line of best fit on the two scatter plots and be prepared to call on students with different strategies for the discussion. Some strategies that can be anticipated are:
• Trying to get the greatest number of points on the line
• Selecting a point at the beginning and end of the distribution and connecting them.
• Trying to get as many points above the line as below the line.

Discuss Part One (Whole Class):

Begin the discussion by displaying the two scatter plots and briefly discuss the correlation coefficient and what it is describing about the data. The graphs are shown below. Notice the scales on the graphs and that neither axis begins at 0 on these graphs.

Median Annual Income for Men: \( r = 0.79 \) Possible lines of best fit shown.

Median Annual Income for Women \( r = 0.96 \)
Focusing on the scatter plot for men’s income, ask students with various strategies for placing the line of best fit to share their strategies and draw their lines on the graphs. As students share different strategies ask the class to compare strengths and weaknesses of the approach in modeling the trends in the data. Ask students to compare and interpret the slope of the line of best fit that they selected.

Re-launch: Demonstrate how to use technology to calculate a linear regression and graph the line along with the data on a scatter plot. Then give students time to work on the rest of the task, monitoring their discussions as they work.

Discuss (Part 2):

Begin the second part of the discussion by displaying the graphs and regression lines, shown below. Ask students what observations they make about the regression lines. The may be surprised that the line for the men’s data doesn’t actually intersect any of the data points. Ask students how they think that the regression line was calculated. Listen for students that are noticing that the lines of regression seem to cut the data “in half”, leaving as much “space between the points and the line” above and below. This will lead naturally to the idea of residuals and the way that the least squares regression line is calculated.

Regression line for men’s income: \( y = 311.66x - 582575.11 \)
Regression line for women’s income:  \( y = 464.1x - 905506.4 \)

Ask students to consider the slopes of each of the regression lines. What does each slope mean? Since the women’s slope is greater than the men’s, does this mean that women make more money?

Also discuss the \( y \)-intercept on the men’s income graph. How is it that the \( y \) intercept in the equation is \(-582,575 \) (in $) and yet it appears that the line intersects the axis on the graph around $37,000? This question will help students to think about the impact of having a graph where the two axis don’t intersect at \( (0,0) \). The \( y \) intercept in this case is the value given by the linear model for the year 0. Students were asked to use the model to predict the men’s income for year 2015. Ask students for the predicted value and how they would modify that prediction now that they have more data. They will notice that the trend for men’s income from 2005 to 2011 is downward. This highlights the danger of extrapolating, which means to extend the model well beyond the actual data.

Finally, discuss the last question. Students’ justification of their answer should include the use of the correlation coefficient, and compare trends in the data that can be observed in the scatter plot versus the slope of the regression line.

Graphs and linear regressions are shown below.
Median Income for Men 1991 -2011

\[ r = 0.16 \]

\[ y = 45.12x - 50406.72 \]

Median Annual Income for Men ($)

Year

Median Annual Income for Women 1991-2011

\[ r = 0.88 \]

\[ y = 300.76x - 579378.69 \]

Median Annual Income for Women ($)

Year

Aligned Ready, Set, Go: *Modeling with Data 8.6*
**Ready, Set, Go!**

**Ready**

Topic: Finding distance and averages.

Use the number line below to answer the questions.

1. **How far away is each of the points on the number line from point A?**
   (You need to list each point and its distance from point A.)

2. What is the total of all the distances from point A that you found in exercise number one?

3. What is the average distance that any of the given points B through G are from point A?

4. Which point on the number line is located the average distance away from point A?

5. Label another location on the number line that is the average distance away from point A.
   (Call it point X)

6. **How far away is each of the points on the number line from point D?**
   (You need to list each point and its distance from point D.)

7. What is the total of all the distances from point D that you found in exercise number six?

8. What is the average distance that any of the six other points are from point D?

9. Is there a point on the number line located the average distance away from point D?

10. Label another location on the number line that is the average distance away from point D?
   (Call it point Y)
**Set**
Topic: Scatter Plots and line of best fit or trend lines.

11. Create a scatter plot for the data in the table.

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<td>60</td>
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<td>70</td>
<td>67</td>
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12. Do the English and History scores have a positive or negative correlation?

13. Do English and History scores have a strong or weak correlation?

14. Which of the graphs below shows the best model for the data and will create the best predictions? Circle your choice and say why it is the best model for the data.
15. Which of the graphs below shows the best model for the data and will create the best predictions? Circle your choice and say why it is the best model for the data.

16. Which of the graphs below shows the best model for the data and will create the best predictions? Circle your choice and say why it is the best model for the data.

Go

Topic: Creating explicit functions for arithmetic and geometric sequences.

In each problem below an input connected output are given along with either the common difference or the common ratio. Use this information to create an explicit function for the sequence.

17. \( f(2) = 7 \), common difference = 3

18. \( g(1) = 8 \), common ratio = 2

19. \( h(6) = 3 \), common ratio = -3

20. \( r(5) = -3 \), common difference = 7

21. \( g(7) = 1 \), common difference = -9

22. \( g(1) = 5 \), common ratio = \( \frac{1}{2} \)
8.7 Getting Schooled
A Solidify Understanding Task

In *Getting More $*, Leo and Araceli noticed a difference in men’s and women’s salaries. Araceli thought that it was unfair that women were paid less than men. Leo thought that there must be some good reason for the discrepancy, so they decided to dig deeper into the Census Bureau’s income data to see if they could understand more about these differences.

First, they decided to compare the income of men and women that graduated from high school (or equivalent), but did not pursue further schooling. They created the scatter plot below, with the \( x \) value of a point representing the average woman’s salary for some year and the \( y \) value representing the average man’s salary for the same year. For instance, the year 2011 is represented on the graph by the point \((17887, 30616)\). You can find this point on the graph in the bottom left corner.

1. Based upon the graph, estimate the correlation coefficient.

2. Estimate the average income for men in this time period. Describe how you used the graph to find it.

3. What is the average income for women in this time period? Describe how you used the graph to find it.
4. Leo and Araceli calculated the linear regression for these data to be \( y = 2.189x - 6731.8 \).
What does the slope of this regression line mean about the income of men compared to women? Use precise units and language.

“Hmmm,” said Araceli, “It’s just as I suspected. The whole system is unfair to women.” “No, wait,” said Leo, “Let’s look at incomes for men and women with bachelor’s degrees or more. Maybe it has something to do with levels of education.”

5. Leo and Araceli started with the data for men with bachelor’s degrees or more. They found the correlation coefficient for the average salary vs year from 2000-2011 was \( r = -0.9145 \).

Predict what the graph might look like and draw it here. Be sure to scale and label the axes and put 12 points on your graph.
The actual scatter plot for salaries for men with bachelor’s degrees from 2000-2011 is below. How did you do?

6. Both Leo and Araceli were surprised at this graph. They calculated the regression line and got \( y = -598.25x + 1266626.34 \). What does this equation say about the income of men with bachelor’s degrees from 2000-2011?

7. Leo wondered why the y-intercept in the equation was $1,266,626.34 and yet the graph seems to cross the y-axis around $72,000. What would you tell Leo to resolve his concern?

Next, they turned their attention to the data for women with bachelor’s degrees or more from 2000-2011. Here’s the data:

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<td>42746</td>
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<td>44007</td>
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Analyze these data by creating a scatter plot, interpreting the correlation coefficient and the regression line. Draw the graph and report the results of your analysis below:
Now that you have analyzed the results for women, compare the results for men and women with bachelor’s degrees and more over the period from 2000-2011.
Leo believes that the difference in income between men and women may be explained by differences in education, but Araceli believes there must be other factors such as discrimination. Based on the data in this task and *Getting More $*, make a convincing case to support either Leo or Araceli.

What other data that would be useful in making your case? Explain what you would look for and why.
8.7 Getting Schooled – Teacher Notes

A Solidify Understanding Task

Special Note to Teachers: This task requires the use of technology that can calculate the correlation coefficient, r, and a linear regression. Most graphing calculators will work well. GeoGebra, a powerful, free computer app available online at www.geogebra.org would be very helpful and easy to use on this task.

Purpose: The purpose of this task is to solidify students understanding of linear models for data by interpreting the slopes and intercepts of regression lines with various units. Students are asked to use linear models to compare and analyze data. In the task they draw conclusions and justify arguments about data. In addition they are asked to consider additional data that could be collected to inform their conclusions.

Core Standards Focus:

Summarize, represent, and interpret data on two categorical and quantitative variables

S.ID.6 Represent data on two quantitative variables on a scatter plot, and describe how the variables are related.

S.ID.6a Fit a function to the data; use functions fitted to data to solve problems in the context of the data. Use given functions or choose a function suggested by the context. Emphasize linear, quadratic, and exponential models.

S.ID.6b Fit a linear function for a scatter plot that suggests a linear association.

Interpret linear models

S.ID.7 Interpret the slope (rate of change) and the intercept (constant term) of a linear model in the context of the data.

S.ID.8 Compute (using technology) and interpret the correlation coefficient of a linear fit.

Launch (Whole Class):

Remind students of their work with men’s and women’s median annual incomes from the previous task. Ask them to recall some of the conclusions that could be made from the data. Introduce this task by telling them that they will be drawing upon their experience with correlation coefficients and linear regressions to analyze and compare data. By the time they have finished the task they should be prepared to use the data to make an argument about the differences in men’s and women’s salary, based upon education and other possible factors.
Explore (Small Group):

Monitor students as they work, ensuring that they are estimating as requested in the task before making the calculations. This will help to draw them into the data so that they can make sense of it and deepen their understanding. Keep students focused on using the units of slope based on the graphs. They may be more familiar with graphs that have time across the x-axis, but struggle to interpret the first graph that compares salaries of men and women where the year the data was obtained is not evident.

Discuss (Whole Class):

Actual correlation coefficient for #1 is $r = 0.6421$.

Begin the discussion with the meaning of the slope of the linear regression in the first graph. Students should be able to articulate the idea that the slope in this case means that the median salary for men was 2.189 times the median salary for women of the same education level. In this case the slope is a ratio of men's salaries to women's salaries or the rate that men's salaries change in relation to women's salaries.

The next slope to interpret is in #6. Students should be able to articulate that the median salary for men went down by about $598.25 each year during the time period. In this case the slope is the rate of change of men's salaries each year.

The bulk of the discussion should be an opportunity for students to dig deeply in the analysis of the data to make the case that education explains the differences in median incomes between men and women or that there are other factors that explain the differences. Organize the class so that students are assigned to one side of the argument or the other and then take turns presenting one piece of evidence from their analysis. Record the claims and allow the other side to refute any claim that they feel is in error.

Aligned Ready, Set, Go:  Modeling with Data 8.7
Ready, Set, Go!

Ready

Topic: Finding distances and averages.

The graph below has several points and shows the line $y=x$ use this graph to answer each question.

1. The vertical distance between point N and the line $y=x$ is labeled on the graph. Find all of the vertical distances between the points and the line $y = x$.

2. What is the sum of all the distances that the points are away from the line $y=x$?

3. What is the average vertical distance that any of the points are away from the line $y=x$?

4. Is the line on the graph the line of best fit? Explain why or why not. If it is not the best then draw a line that is better fit to the data.

5. Estimate the correlation coefficient for this set of data points. If you have a way to calculate it exactly then do so. (Using a graphing calculator or data software.)
Set

Topic: Creating and analyzing scatter plots.

Determine whether a linear or an exponential model would be best for the given scatter plots. Then sketch a model on the graph that could be used to make predictions.

6.

8a. Use the data to make a scatter plot.

<table>
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<th>Weeks since school started</th>
<th>Money in savings</th>
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b. Is the correlation of the graph positive or negative? Why?

c. What would you estimate the correlation coefficient to be? Why? (If you have a calculator or software that can calculate it precisely then do so.)

d. Create a regression line and find the regression equation. What is the regression equation?

e. What does the slope of the regression equation mean in terms of the variables?

f. Most school years are 36 weeks. If the rate of spending is kept the same how much more money needs to be saved during the summer in order for there to be money to last all 36 weeks.
Go

Topic: Data and statistics, when to use two way tables when to use scatter plots.

9. In what situations does it make the most sense to use a two-way table and look at residual frequencies to make decisions or conclusions?

10. In what situations does it make the most sense to use a scatter plot and a linear or exponential model to analyze and make decisions or draw conclusions?

For each of the representations below label as a function, not a function. If, not a function say why. If it is a function then label as linear, exponential or neither.

11. \[
\begin{array}{|c|c|}
\hline
x & f(x) \\
\hline
0 & 5 \\
1 & 169 \\
2 & 333 \\
3 & 497 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]

12. \[
\begin{array}{|c|c|}
\hline
X & Y \\
\hline
1 & 15 \\
2 & 25 \\
3 & 15 \\
2 & 30 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]

13. \[
\begin{array}{|c|c|}
\hline
x & h(x) \\
\hline
2 & 5 \\
3 & 10 \\
4 & 20 \\
5 & 40 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]

14. \(g(x) = 4 - 12x\)

15. \(s(t) = 3 \cdot 4^{t-1}\)

16. The amount of medicine in the bloodstream of a cat as time passes. The initial dose of medicine is 80mm and the medicine brakes down at 35% each hour.

17. \[
\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline
\text{Time} & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\
\hline
\text{Money in Bank} & 250 & 337.50 & 455.63 & 615.09 & 830.38 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]
8.8 Rockin’ the Residuals
A Solidify Understanding Task

The correlation coefficient is not the only tool that statisticians use to analyze whether or not a line is a good model for the data. They also consider the residuals, which is to look at the difference between the observed value (the data) and the predicted value (the y-value on the regression line). This sounds a little complicated, but it’s not really. The residuals are just a way of thinking about how far away the actual data is from the regression line.

Start with some data:

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<td>y</td>
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<td>13</td>
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<td>28</td>
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</table>

Create a scatter plot and graph the regression line. In, this case the line is \( y = 3x + 6 \).

Draw a line from each data point to the regression line, like the segments drawn from each point below.
1. The residuals are the lengths of the segments. How can you calculate the length of each segment to get the residuals?

2. Generally, if the data point is above the regression line the residual is positive, if the data point is below the line, the residual is negative. Knowing this, use your plan from #1 to create a table of residual values using each data point.

3. Statisticians like to look at graphs of the residuals to judge their regression lines. So, you get your chance to do it. Graph the residuals here.
Now, that you have constructed a residual plot, think about what the residuals mean and answer the following questions.

4. If a residual is large and negative, what does it mean?

5. What does it mean if a residual is equal to 0?

6. If someone told you that they estimated a line of best fit for a set of data points and all of the residuals were positive, what would you say?

7. If the correlation coefficient for a data set is equal to 1, what will the residual plot look like?

Statisticians use residual plots to see if there are patterns in the data that are not predicted by their model. What patterns can you identify in the following residual plots that might indicate that the regression line is not a good model for the data? Based on the residual plot are there any points that may be considered outliers?

8. [Diagram of residual plot]
8.8 Rockin’ the Residuals – Teacher Notes

A Develop Understanding Task

Purpose: The purpose of this task is to develop an understanding of residuals and how to use residual plots to analyze the strength of a linear model for data.

Core Standards Focus:

S.ID.6: Represent data on two quantitative variables on a scatter plot, and describe how the variables are related.

S.ID.6b: Informally assess the fit of a function by plotting and analyzing residuals.

Related Standards: S.ID.6a, S.ID.6c

Launch (Whole Class):

Begin the task by walking through the first part of the task with students, explaining what a residual is using the graphical representation. Give students time to complete questions 1-3 and then discuss the residual plot that they have created. How does the residual plot compare with the scatter plot of the data with the regression line drawn? What information could be drawn from just looking at the residual plot if they had not seen the scatter plot and linear regression?

Explore (Small Group):

Allow students time to discuss the remaining questions and finish the task. Listen for the ways that they are making sense of the idea that the residual is the difference between the actual point and corresponding point on the linear model of the data.

Discuss (Whole Class):

Discuss each of the remaining questions. Possible answers for each are as follows:

4. If a residual is large and negative, what does it mean? That the actual data point is well below the regression line, possibly an outlier.

5. What does it mean if a residual is equal to 0? That the regression line intersects the actual data point.

6. If someone told you that they estimated a line of best fit for a set of data points and all of the residuals were positive, what would you say? That they made the line of best fit too low. It must be below all the actual data points on the scatter plot.
7. If the correlation coefficient for a data set is equal to 1, what will the residual plot look like? *There won’t really be any residuals because all the data points will fall on the line in the case of a perfect correlation.*

8. This residual plot shows a pattern of increasing residuals, which means that the linear regression is a better fit at the beginning than at the end. There may be some other factor causing the spread in the residuals that is not accounted for with the linear model.

9. The curved pattern in the residuals suggests that some other model (possibly quadratic) would be a better fit than a line.

10. The residuals alternate from positive to negative each time, suggesting that the linear model might be missing some pattern in the data.

11. The residual plot shows an outlier at 10, but the residual plot is distributed in a relatively random way that suggests that the linear model is pretty good.

Finally, ask the class: What information is obtained from looking at a residual plot that is not given by the correlation coefficient? How do they work together to inform the analysis of bivariate quantitative data?

**Aligned Ready, Set, Go: Modeling with Data 8.8**
Ready, Set, Go!

Ready
Topic: Describe the spread of the data.

Given the box-and-whisker plots describe the spread of the data set. Provide specifics about the median, range, interquartile range and so forth.

1.  

2.  

3. If the box-and-whisker plots above represent the results of two different classes on the same assessment, which class did better? Why?

4. The two box-and-whisker plots below show the low temperatures for two cities in the United States.

   City D

   City E

a. Which city would be considered the coldest City D or City E? Why?

b. Do these cities ever experience the same temperature? How do you know?

c. Is there any way to know the exact temperature for any given day from the box and whisker plots?

d. What advantage if any could a scatter plot of temperature data have over a box and whisker plot?
Set
Topic: Residuals, residual plots and correlation coefficients.

The Data Sheets below are scatter plots that have the regression line and the residuals indicated.

5a. Mark on the graph where \((\bar{x}, \bar{y})\) would be located.
b. Use this given plot to create a residual plot.
c. What would you predict the correlation coefficient to be?

Data Sheet 1

6a. Mark on the graph where \((\bar{x}, \bar{y})\) would be located.
b. Use this given plot to create a residual plot.
c. What would you predict the correlation coefficient to be?

Data Sheet 2
The following graphs are residual plots. Analyze the residual plots to determine how well the prediction line (line of best fit) describes the data.

7. Plot 1

8. Plot 2
Go

Topic: Geometric constructions.

9. Construct an isosceles triangle with a compass and straight edge.

10. Construct a square using compass and straight edge.

11. Use a compass and straight edge to construct a hexagon inscribed in a circle.