Finding the Average

When finding the mean average you add up all the values and divide by the total number of values.



Where Σ = sum of

For example

Find the average of

 600, 100, 900, 450, 50

It should be 420

Some of you might have got 2060, which I am afraid, is the WRONG answer.

Look at what an average is it is somewhere BETWEEN the highest and lowest.

This is because you never pushed the equals button on your calculator BEFORE the divide by 5 so your sum was

600+100+900+450+ 50/5

50/5 which is 10

So your sum became

600+100+900+450+10

So EIITHER use brackets (600+100+900+450+50)/5

Or push the equals before the divide by symbol “ 600+100+900+450+50=/5”

Or use the  button on your calculator