# Part 3: Reasoning \& Problem Solving <br> WALT Calculate the Mean <br> See my notes in green to help you. 

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Any two numbers with a sum of 14.3, e.g. 5 and 9.3
Because, working backwards from the mean, 18X6 (as 6 is the number of cards) $=108$. So, 108 is the grand total. The numbers we know have a sum of 93.7 and the difference between 108 and 93.7 is 14.3.

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\begin{gathered}
£ 20+£ 14+£ 17+£ 13=£ 64 \\
£ 64 \div 4=£ 16
\end{gathered}
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## Well done! It's over to you now.

Go to Part 4 and choose your Star Challenge! Normal rules apply: page 1 will give you an easier challenge, page 2 will be about the same as what we've just practised and page 3 will be more of a stretch.

You only need to do the first set of questions on your chosen Star Challenge - the ' $A$ ' questions. If you want extra practice, you can then do the next set of questions - the ' $B$ ' questions. When you finish, don't forget to mark your answers before sharing, so I can see where you need help.

