

## 12.3 Box – and – Whisker Plots



# Vocabulary

**Box Plot (Box & Whisker)**- a display that divides data into four parts (quartiles)

**Median (Q2)** – The **middle value** in a data set

**Lower Quartile (Q1)** – The median of the **lower half** of data values

**Upper Quartile (Q3)** – The median of the **upper half** of data values

**Range** – The difference of the maximum and minimum value in a data set

**Interquartile Range (IQR)** –  $Q3$  minus  $Q1$

# Steps

- 1) Write the data values in increasing order
- 2) Find the median
- 3) Find the lower and upper quartiles of the data
- 4) Draw a number line that includes the minimum and maximum data value
- 5) Plot the minimum, lower quartile, median, upper quartile, and the maximum below the number line
- 6) Draw a box from the lower quartile to the upper quartile
- 7) Draw a vertical line through the box at the median
- 8) Draw “whiskers” from the box to the minimum and maximum

# Guided Practice

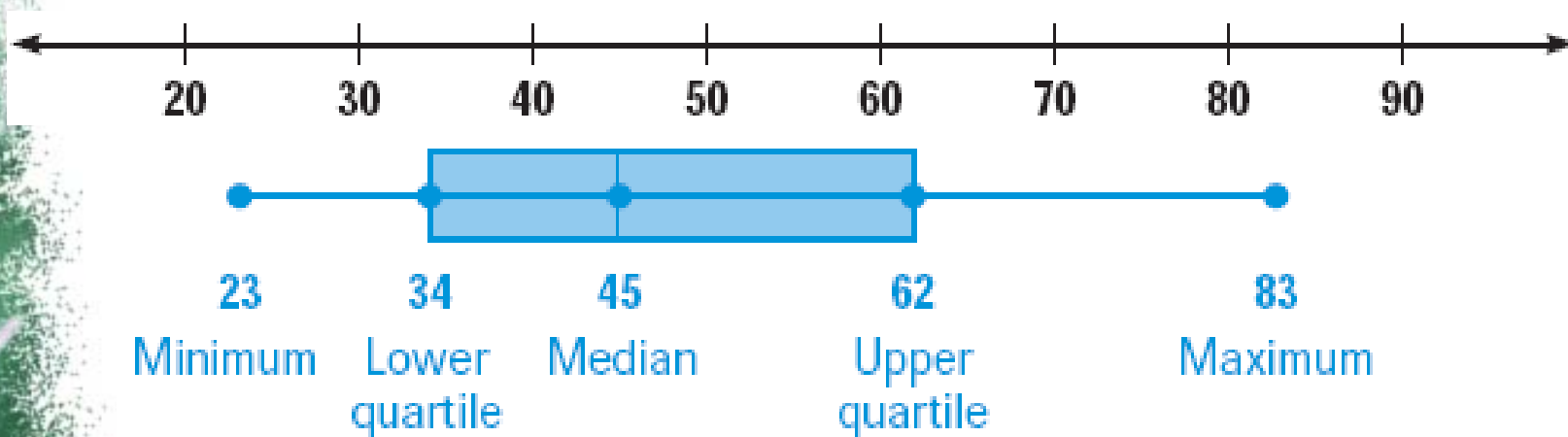
{ 62, 23, 27, 56, 52, 34, 42, 40, 68, 45, 83 }

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Lower Quartile: 34

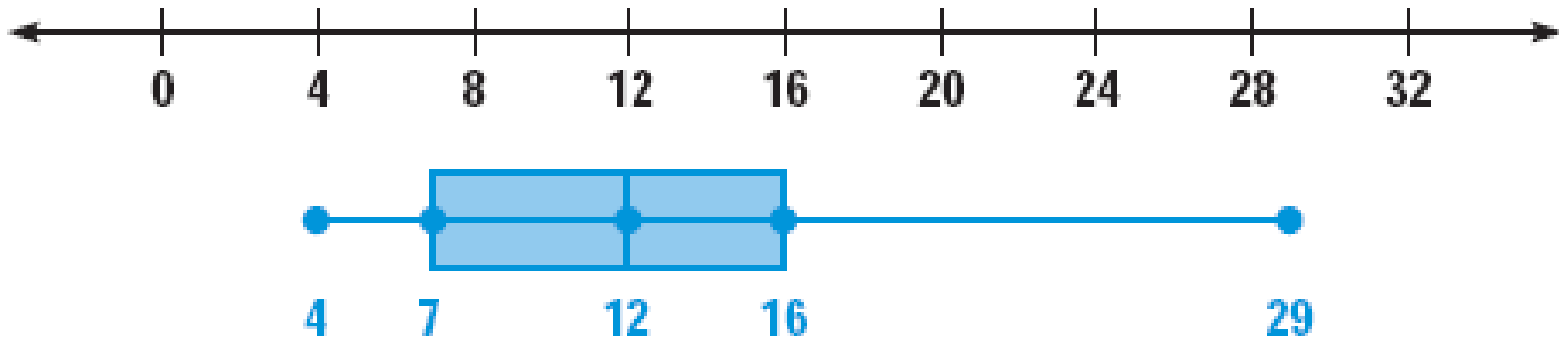
Upper Quartile: 62

Median: 45



# Independent Practice

Use the box-and-whisker plot to answer the following:



Minimum Value: 4

Maximum Value: 29

Lower Quartile: 7

Upper Quartile: 16

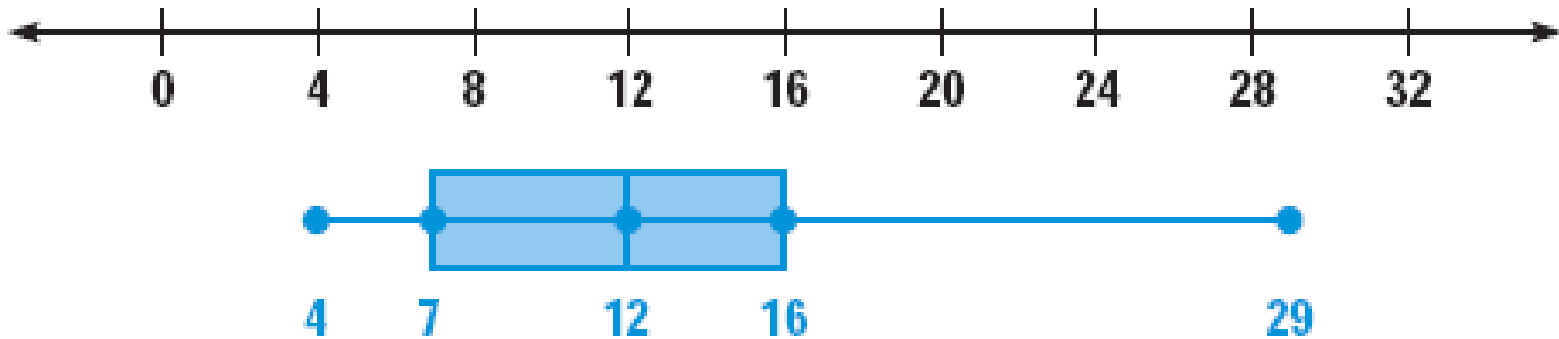
Median: 12

Range: 25

IQR: 9

# Independent Practice

Use the box-and-whisker plot to answer the following:



What percent of the scores were between 7 and 16?

50%

Half of the scores are higher than what number?

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