

3 The following box-and-whisker plot is based on a statistical distribution consisting of 18 data values.



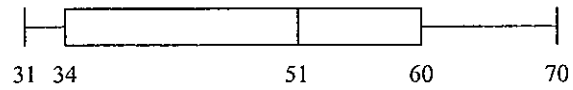
Below are 16 of the 18 data values.

31 32 33 34 34 37 41 47 52 57 57 59 61 63 68 70

What are the two missing data values in this distribution?

Show all your work.

Box-and-whisker plot for the 18 data values



16 of the 18 data values

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Answer: The two missing data values in this distribution are _____ and _____.

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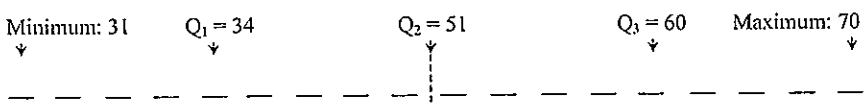
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3 Example of an appropriate method

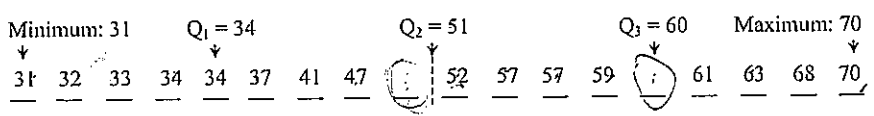
> Position of the quartiles in the distribution

Since there are 18 data values in the distribution, we can determine the position of the quartiles.



> Position of the two missing values

Position the 16 known values.



The missing values are the 9th lowest and the 5th highest.

> The two missing values

The second quartile corresponds to the mean of the 9th and 10th lowest values in the distribution. Since the 10th lowest value is 52 and the second quartile is 51, we can conclude that the 9th lowest value in the distribution is 50.

One of the missing values is therefore 50.

The third quartile corresponds to the 5th highest value in the distribution. The 5th highest value must therefore be 60.

One of the missing values is therefore 60.

Answer: The two missing data values in this distribution are 50 and 60.

Note: Students who used an appropriate method in order to determine the position of either of the missing values have shown that they have a partial understanding of the problem.