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Find the average number in each of the following groups in the same way.

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- 6 miles, 3 miles, 27 miles
- 20 minutes, 30 minutes, 18 minutes, 4 minutes
- 18 apples, 32 apples, 12 apples, 14 apples
- 3 ants, 81 ants, 116 ants, 22 ants, 5 ants, 7 ants
- \$4.50, \$12.23, \$9.18, \$2.09, \$7.00
- 89, 126, 1743, 23498
- 226, 398, 467, 398, 576, 12, 11, 34
- 87 pounds, 69 pounds, 111 pounds, 78 pounds, 78 pounds, 90 pounds

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