

The Inside Scoop: Rational Number Word Problems

Macy is trying out some new ice cream flavors at her ice cream shop, The Inside Scoop. She gives her customers a survey to determine the best new flavor. Customers can rate each flavor on a scale of -3 to 3, where -3 is "I would not order this flavor," and 3 is "I love this flavor."

This table shows the average rating for each new flavor.



| Flavor | Average Rating |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Lemon Basil | -1.25 |
| Carrot Cake | $2\frac{1}{3}$ |
| Cilantro Lime | $-1\frac{2}{3}$ |
| Peanut Butter Swirl | 2.4 |
| Honey Ginger | -1.2 |

Use the table to answer each question.

- Which flavor received the highest average rating? **Peanut Butter Swirl**
- Which flavor received the lowest average rating? **Cilantro Lime**
- Write the flavors in order from the lowest average rating to the highest average rating.
Cilantro Lime, Lemon Basil, Honey Ginger, Carrot Cake, and Peanut Butter Swirl
- Macy did a similar survey last year. Last year's winning flavor, Toasted Marshmallow, received an average rating of $2\frac{5}{9}$. Is that a higher average rating than the winning flavor from this year? Explain.
Student answers will vary.
Yes. Since $2\frac{5}{9}$ is about the same as 2.55, the average rating for Toasted Marshmallow is greater than the average rating for Peanut Butter Swirl.
- In last year's survey, Sweet Avocado received an average score of -1.5. Which of this year's flavors would Sweet Avocado fall between?
Cilantro Lime and Lemon Basil