

Score ( $X$ )	Mean ( $\bar{X}$ )	Deviation ( $X - \bar{X}$ )	Deviation Squared ( $X - \bar{X}$ ) <sup>2</sup>
10	7	10 - 7 = 3	(3) <sup>2</sup> = 9
6	7	6 - 7 = -1	(-1) <sup>2</sup> = 1
4	7	4 - 7 = -3	(-3) <sup>2</sup> = 9
8	7	8 - 7 = 1	(1) <sup>2</sup> = 1
		$\Sigma = 0$	$\Sigma = 20$

We have now calculated all the information needed for the top part of the SD equation.

$$SD = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (X - \bar{X})^2}{N - 1}} = \sqrt{\frac{20}{4 - 1}}$$

Now we are going to focus on the bottom part of the equation, known as the denominator. Recall that we already discovered the value of  $N$  when calculating the mean. We determined that four scores were reported; thus  $N = 4$ . Remember, we have to subtract 1 from  $N$ . Also note that we did this before square rooting our answer.

$$SD = \sqrt{\frac{20}{4 - 1}} =$$

Next we want to divide the numerator by the denominator.

$$\sqrt{\frac{20}{3}} = \sqrt{6.67}$$

Now take the square root.

$$\sqrt{6.67} = 2.58$$

Putting all our steps together, we found the SD:

$$SD = \sqrt{\frac{20}{4 - 1}} = \sqrt{\frac{20}{3}} = \sqrt{6.67} = 2.58$$

### 3. Calculate the variance.

To calculate the variance, square the standard deviation.

$$s^2 = (2.58)^2 = 6.67$$