

- 8** A market gardener records the masses of a random sample of 100 of this year's crop of plums. The table shows his results.

Mass, m grams	$m < 25$	$25 \leq m < 35$	$35 \leq m < 45$	$45 \leq m < 55$	$55 \leq m < 65$	$65 \leq m < 75$	$m \geq 75$
Number of plums	0	3	29	36	30	2	0

- (a) Explain why the normal distribution might be a reasonable model for this distribution. [1]

The market gardener models the distribution of masses by $N(47.5, 10^2)$.

- (b) Find the number of plums in the sample that this model would predict to have masses in the range:

(i) $35 \leq m < 45$ [2]

(ii) $m < 25$. [2]

- (c) Use your answers to parts (b)(i) and (b)(ii) to comment on the suitability of this model. [1]

The market gardener plans to use this model to predict the distribution of the masses of next year's crop of plums.

- (d) Comment on this plan. [1]