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Pre-Calculus 16.1 Introduction to Probability

1. Three children are born into a family. On any birth the child could be a son or a daughter. Using s to represent a son and d to represent a daughter, and write out all of the possibilities.

$$S = \{sss, ssd, sds, dss, sdd, dsd, dds, ddd\}$$

2. A committee of 2 is selected from a group consisting of 5 people: Amanda, Matt, Jenn, Sean, and Brenda.
- Find all the possible outcomes.
 - What is the probability that both members on the committee are males?
 - What is the probability that exactly one member is male?

$$a) S = \{AM, AJ, AS, AB, MJ, MS, MB, JS, JB, SB\}$$

$$b) P(MM) = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$c) P(M) = \frac{7}{10} = \text{or } P(M \text{ or } S) = P(M) + P(S) - P(M \text{ and } S)$$

$$\frac{4}{10} + \frac{4}{10} - \frac{1}{10} = \frac{7}{10}$$

3. Two letters are chosen at random from the word WINTER.

- Find all the possible outcomes.
- What is the probability that both letters are consonants?
- What is the probability that both letters are vowels?

$$b) P(CC) = \frac{6}{15}$$

$$c) P(VV) = \frac{1}{15}$$

4. A die is thrown and a coin is tossed.

- Find all the possible outcomes.
- What is the probability that the number on the die is odd?

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

5. If the probability that it will snow on a given day is $\frac{1}{3}$:

- What is the probability that it will not snow?
- How do the two probabilities compare?

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 1$$

6. You are the first person to draw one of 24 slips of paper, numbered consecutively 1 to 24.

- What is the probability of drawing a number exactly divisible by 3?

$$\frac{8}{24} = \frac{1}{3}$$

- b. What is the probability of drawing a number exactly divisible by 5?

$$4/24 = 1/6$$

7. A bag contains 2 white marbles, 4 blue marbles, and 6 red marbles. A marble is drawn at random from the bag. What is the probability that:

- a. It is white? $2/12 = 1/6$
 b. It is not blue? $2/3$
 c. It is not white? $5/6$
 d. It is red? $6/12 = 1/2$
 e. It is blue? $4/12 = 1/3$
 f. It is black? 0

8. One card is picked from a typical deck of 52 playing cards. What is the probability that the card is:

- a. A black card? $1/2$
 b. A three? $1/13$
 c. A king or a queen? $8/52 = 4/26 = 2/13$
 d. A black or not a face card?

$$P(B) = 1/2 \leftarrow 26/52$$

$$P(\text{Not Face}) = 10/13 \leftarrow 40/52$$

$$P(B \text{ and Not Face}) = 5/13 \leftarrow 10/26$$

$$P(B \text{ or Not Face}) = 1/2 + 10/13 - 5/13 = 46/52 = 23/26$$

9. The probability that there will be snow this Wednesday is $4/5$.

- a. What is the probability that there will NOT be snow this Wednesday? $1/5$
 b. What are the odds in favor of snow this Wednesday? (This is different than the probability, think about it!)

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