

## AQA (GCSE Notes)

### Chapter 5: Probability

**Q1. A die is rolled 60 times. Record the outcomes in a table and calculate how often each number appears.**

**Answer:** The frequency of each number can be recorded in a table.

**Solution:**

Assume the die is fair, so each number should appear about the same number of times.

There are 6 numbers on a die: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Expected frequency for each number = Total rolls ÷ Number of outcomes

$$= 60 \div 6$$

$$= 10$$

Number	Frequency
1	10
2	10
3	10
4	10
5	10
6	10

**Q2. A coin is flipped 50 times. Describe how you would record the outcomes and represent them in a frequency table.**

**Answer:** Use a tally and frequency table with outcomes Heads and Tails.

**Solution:**

Make a table with two rows: one for Heads, one for Tails.

Each time you flip the coin, mark a tally in the appropriate row.

After all flips, count the tallies and write the frequency.

Example:

Outcomes	Tally	Frequency
Heads		
Tails		

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**Q3. A spinner has 4 equal sections labelled A, B, C and D. It is spun 100 times. Explain how to use a table to analyse the frequency of each outcome.**

**Answer:** Create a table to record and compare outcomes.

**Solution:**

Draw a table with columns for A, B, C, and D.

Each time you spin, mark a tally in the appropriate column.

After 100 spins, count tallies to get frequencies.

Compare each frequency with expected value.

Expected frequency =  $100 \div 4 = 25$

Outcomes	Frequency
A	24
B	26
C	27
D	23

**Q4. You roll a fair die 120 times and get the following outcomes: 1 (18 times), 2 (20), 3 (19), 4 (21), 5 (22), 6 (20). Use this data to find the relative frequency for each number.**

**Answer:**

Relative frequencies are:

1 → 0.15

2 → 0.17

3 → 0.158

4 → 0.175

5 → 0.183

6 → 0.167

**Solution:**

Relative frequency = Frequency  $\div$  Total number of trials

For 1:  $18 \div 120 = 0.15$

For 2:  $20 \div 120 = 0.17$

For 3:  $19 \div 120 \approx 0.158$

For 4:  $21 \div 120 = 0.175$

For 5:  $22 \div 120 \approx 0.183$

For 6:  $20 \div 120 \approx 0.167$

**Q5. You flip a coin 200 times and record 112 heads. Compare the relative frequency of heads with the theoretical probability.**

**Answer:**

Relative frequency = 0.56

Theoretical probability = 0.5



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**Solution:**

Relative frequency = Frequency of heads  $\div$  Total flips

$$= 112 \div 200$$

$$= 0.56$$

Theoretical probability of heads =  $1 \div 2 = 0.5$

$0.56 > 0.5$  so more heads appeared than expected

**Q6. Create a frequency tree for a bag containing 3 red balls and 2 blue balls, where you draw two balls without replacement.**

**Answer:**

A tree diagram will show all possible outcomes without replacement.

**Solution:**

First draw: R ( $3/5$ ), B ( $2/5$ )

Second draw after R: R ( $2/4$ ), B ( $2/4$ )

Second draw after B: R ( $3/4$ ), B ( $1/4$ )

Tree:

- R ( $3/5$ )
  - R ( $2/4$ )
  - B ( $2/4$ )
  
- B ( $2/5$ )
  - R ( $3/4$ )
  - B ( $1/4$ )

**Q7. A coin is flipped and a die is rolled. Show the outcomes in a frequency tree.**

**Answer:**

The tree will show two branches for the coin and six branches for the die.

**Solution:**

Coin outcomes: Heads ( $1/2$ ), Tails ( $1/2$ )

Die outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (each  $1/6$ )

Tree:

- Heads ( $1/2$ )
  - 1 ( $1/6$ ), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
  
- Tails ( $1/2$ )
  - 1 ( $1/6$ ), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6



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**Q8. A box has 5 green and 3 yellow sweets. You pick one sweet, note its colour, and replace it. Repeat this 40 times. Record and analyse your findings.**

**Answer:**

Use a tally chart and calculate relative frequencies.

**Solution:**

Probability of green =  $5/8$

Probability of yellow =  $3/8$

Make tally chart for each draw.

Count tallies to get frequency.

Relative frequency =  $\text{Frequency} \div 40$

**Q9. Explain how the concept of fairness applies to rolling a standard die.**

**Answer:**

A fair die has equal chance for all outcomes.

**Solution:**

There are 6 sides.

Probability of each =  $1 \div 6$

If all sides appear about equally over many rolls, it is fair.

**Q10. Describe what is meant by an event being “equally likely” using the example of flipping a coin.**

**Answer:**

It means each outcome has the same probability.

**Solution:**

Coin has 2 sides: Heads and Tails

Probability of Heads =  $1 \div 2$

Probability of Tails =  $1 \div 2$

Both are equally likely

**Q11. Two dice are rolled. List all possible outcomes and explain why this set is exhaustive.**

**Answer:**

There are 36 outcomes and the list covers all possibilities.

**Solution:**

Outcomes: (1,1),(1,2)...(6,6)

Total outcomes =  $6 \times 6 = 36$

Each pair is included

No outcomes missing

So it's exhaustive

**Q12. You have a bag of counters: 2 red, 3 green, and 5 blue. What is the probability of picking a green counter? Justify your answer using the 0 to 1 scale.**

**Answer:**

Probability =  $3 \div 10 = 0.3$



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**Solution:**

Total counters =  $2 + 3 + 5 = 10$

Green counters = 3

$P(\text{green}) = 3 \div 10 = 0.3$

This is between 0 (impossible) and 1 (certain)

**Q13. A spinner with 3 equal sections is spun. After 60 spins, section A appears 10 times. Calculate the relative frequency and compare it with the expected probability.**

**Answer:**

Relative frequency =  $10 \div 60 = 0.167$

Expected probability =  $1 \div 3 \approx 0.333$

**Solution:**

Relative frequency =  $10 \div 60 = 0.167$

Expected =  $1 \div 3 \approx 0.333$

$0.167 < 0.333$ , so A occurred less than expected

**Q14. A coin is flipped 100 times. Describe how to estimate the expected number of heads and tails.**

**Answer:**

Expected Heads = 50

Expected Tails = 50

**Solution:**

$P(\text{Heads}) = 1 \div 2$

Expected Heads =  $100 \times 1/2 = 50$

Expected Tails =  $100 \times 1/2 = 50$

**Q15. You conduct a probability experiment using a six-sided die. Record the results in a table and describe how to analyse the data.**

**Answer:**

Use frequency table and compare with expected frequencies.

**Solution:**

Make a table:

Number	Frequency
1	8
2	7
3	9
4	11

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5	8
6	7

**Q16. A student rolls a die 300 times. How should they use a frequency table to estimate the probability of rolling a 6?**

**Answer:**

Estimated probability = Frequency of 6 ÷ 300

**Solution:**

Make table of all outcomes

Count how many times 6 appears

$P(6) = \text{Frequency of 6} \div 300$

**Q17. Explain why the sum of the probabilities of all outcomes when rolling a die is 1.**

**Answer:**

Because one of the 6 outcomes must occur.

**Solution:**

Each number has  $P = 1 \div 6$

Total =  $1/6 \times 6 = 1$

**Q18. In an experiment, 3 students each flip a coin 20 times. How can the combined data be used to estimate the probability of getting heads?**

**Answer:**

Add all heads and divide by total flips.

**Solution:**

Total flips =  $3 \times 20 = 60$

Suppose total heads = 32

$P(\text{Heads}) = 32 \div 60 \approx 0.533$

**Q19. A spinner has unequal sections: 1/2 red, 1/4 blue, and 1/4 yellow. Draw a frequency tree for two spins with replacement.**

**Answer:**

Create tree with branches for each spin.

**Solution:**

First spin:

- Red (1/2)
- Blue (1/4)
- Yellow (1/4)

Each branch has same second spin:



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- Red (1/2)
- Blue (1/4)
- Yellow (1/4)

**Q20. A bag has 6 blue, 3 red, and 1 green marble. Explain how to record the frequency of outcomes if 100 marbles are drawn with replacement.**

**Answer:**

Use tally chart and calculate relative frequencies.

**Solution:**

$$P(\text{Blue}) = 6/10 = 0.6$$

$$P(\text{Red}) = 3/10 = 0.3$$

$$P(\text{Green}) = 1/10 = 0.1$$

Record tally of each draw

Calculate frequency and relative frequency

**Q21. Describe how to test whether a die is fair using a probability experiment.**

**Answer:**

Roll it many times and compare actual with expected results.

**Solution:**

Roll die say 300 times

Record frequencies of 1–6

$$\text{Expected} = 300 \div 6 = 50 \text{ each}$$

If actual close to expected, die is likely fair

**Q22. If you flip a fair coin 500 times, how many heads would you expect? Explain your reasoning.**

**Answer:**

$$\text{Expected heads} = 250$$

**Solution:**

$$P(\text{Heads}) = 1 \div 2$$

$$\text{Expected} = 500 \times 1/2 = 250$$

**Q23. A student rolls two dice and adds the scores. Explain how to record the frequencies of the totals and compare them with theoretical probabilities.**

**Answer:**

Use a table for totals from 2 to 12

**Solution:**

Make table with totals 2–12

Count how often each appears

Compare frequency with theoretical probabilities

$$\text{Example: } P(7) = 6/36 = 1/6$$



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**Q24. In a game, you win if you roll a 5 or a 6. Estimate the expected number of wins in 60 rolls of a fair die.**

**Answer:**

Expected wins = 20

**Solution:**

$P(5 \text{ or } 6) = 2 \div 6 = 1/3$

Expected =  $60 \times 1/3 = 20$

**Q25. A spinner with sections labelled A, B, C is spun 90 times. A appears 27 times, B 36 times, and C 27 times. Discuss the fairness of the spinner.**

**Answer:**

The spinner appears fair

**Solution:**

Expected frequency =  $90 \div 3 = 30$

A = 27, B = 36, C = 27

All close to 30

So differences are small

Spinner is likely fair

**Q26. A card is drawn from a standard pack and replaced. This is repeated 100 times. How would you record and analyse the suit outcomes?**

**Answer:** Record outcomes using a tally chart and compare frequencies of each suit.

**Solution:**

There are 4 suits: Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs, Spades.

Expected frequency =  $100 \div 4 = 25$  per suit.

Suit	Tally	Frequency
Hearts		
Diamonds		
Clubs		
Spades		

Compare actual frequencies with expected frequencies to check for fairness.

**Q27. How does increasing the number of trials affect the relative frequency in a probability experiment?**

**Answer:** It makes the relative frequency closer to the theoretical probability.

**Solution:**

Relative frequency = Number of favourable outcomes  $\div$  Total trials.



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More trials reduce the effect of chance.

As trials increase, relative frequency stabilises.

**Q28. A student flips 2 coins and records whether the results match or not. Describe how they could use a table to track the outcomes.**

**Answer:** Use a table with "Match" and "Not Match" rows and tally the outcomes.

**Solution:**

Possible outcomes: HH, TT (Match), HT, TH (Not Match)

Outcome	Tally	Frequency
Match		
Not Match		

**Q29. Explain how to create a frequency tree for choosing a coin at random from a set and then flipping it.**

**Answer:** Create branches for each coin and then for heads/tails.

**Solution:**

Suppose 2 coins: Coin A and Coin B

**Step 1: Choose coin**

- A ( $1/2$ )
- B ( $1/2$ )

**Step 2: Flip coin**

- Heads ( $1/2$ ), Tails ( $1/2$ )

**Tree:**

- A ( $1/2$ )
  - H ( $1/2$ )
  - T ( $1/2$ )
- B ( $1/2$ )
  - H ( $1/2$ )
  - T ( $1/2$ )

**Q30. You spin a spinner with 5 equal parts 150 times. Describe how to use a frequency table to check if the spinner is biased.**

**Answer:** Record each outcome in a table and compare actual vs expected frequencies.



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**Solution:**

Expected frequency per section =  $150 \div 5 = 30$

Section	Frequency
A	28
B	31
C	29
D	30
E	32

Check if values are close to 30. If yes, the spinner is likely fair.

**Q31. A student flips a coin and records the result. They repeat this 10 times. Why might the results not match the expected probabilities?**

**Answer:** Because the number of trials is too small.

**Solution:**

Theoretical probability of Heads =  $1/2$

But with only 10 trials, results can vary a lot.

Small sample size causes greater variation.

**Q32. A die is rolled 90 times and the number 3 comes up 10 times. How does this compare with the expected number?**

**Answer:** Expected = 15, Actual = 10, so it appeared less than expected.

**Solution:**

Expected frequency =  $90 \div 6 = 15$

Actual frequency = 10

Difference =  $15 - 10 = 5$  fewer than expected

**Q33. Describe how to use relative frequency to estimate the probability of rain based on weather data from the past 100 days.**

**Answer:** Count rainy days and divide by 100.

**Solution:**

Suppose 38 days had rain.

Relative frequency =  $38 \div 100 = 0.38$

Estimated probability of rain = 0.38

**Q34. In a class experiment, students each spin a spinner 20 times. How can the combined results be used to get a more accurate estimate?**

**Answer:** Add all results to form a larger sample size.



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**Solution:**

Suppose 5 students participated.

$$\text{Total spins} = 5 \times 20 = 100$$

Use combined data to calculate relative frequency.

Larger sample gives better estimate.

**Q35. A bag has 4 red and 6 blue counters. Describe how to use a tree diagram to show the outcomes of two draws without replacement.**

**Answer:** Create a two-stage tree diagram.

**Solution:**

**First draw:**

- Red ( $4/10$ )
- Blue ( $6/10$ )

**Second draw if Red first:**

- Red ( $3/9$ )
- Blue ( $6/9$ )

**Second draw if Blue first:**

- Red ( $4/9$ )
- Blue ( $5/9$ )

**Q36. A coin is flipped twice. List all possible outcomes and their probabilities. Show that the sum is 1.**

**Answer:**

HH, HT, TH, TT each with  $1/4$  probability. Total = 1

**Solution:**

Outcomes: HH, HT, TH, TT

Each has probability =  $1 \div 4 = 0.25$

$$\text{Sum} = 0.25 + 0.25 + 0.25 + 0.25 = 1$$

**Q37. A box contains balls numbered 1 to 5. Two balls are picked without replacement. Record all outcomes and check that the total probability is 1.**

**Answer:**

There are 20 outcomes, each with equal probability.

**Solution:**

List all ordered pairs without repetition:

(1,2),(1,3),(1,4),(1,5),

(2,1),(2,3),(2,4),(2,5),

(3,1),(3,2),(3,4),(3,5),



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(4,1),(4,2),(4,3),(4,5),

(5,1),(5,2),(5,3),(5,4)

Total = 20

Probability for each =  $1 \div 20 = 0.05$

Sum =  $20 \times 0.05 = 1$

**Q38. You throw two dice. What is the probability of getting a total of 7? Use the sample space to support your answer.**

**Answer:**

Favourable outcomes = 6, total outcomes = 36, so  $P = 6/36 = 1/6$

**Solution:**

Pairs that total 7:

(1,6),(2,5),(3,4),(4,3),(5,2),(6,1)

Favourable = 6

Total outcomes =  $6 \times 6 = 36$

$P = 6 \div 36 = 1/6$

**Q39. A fair spinner has 3 equal sections. How many times should you expect each outcome in 60 spins?**

**Answer:**

Expected =  $60 \div 3 = 20$

**Solution:**

$P(\text{each section}) = 1 \div 3$

Expected =  $60 \times 1/3 = 20$

**Q40. You roll a die and flip a coin. Explain how to use a table to list all possible outcomes.**

**Answer:**

Create a 2-column table for die and coin.

**Solution:**

Possible coin: H, T

Possible die: 1 to 6

Total outcomes =  $2 \times 6 = 12$

List:

(1,H),(2,H)...(6,H)

(1,T),(2,T)...(6,T)

**Q41. In an experiment, the relative frequency of heads in 50 coin flips is 0.56. What does this suggest?**

**Answer:**

Heads appeared more than expected, but it may be due to chance.

**Solution:**

Expected = 0.5

Actual = 0.56



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Difference = 0.06

Sample size is small, so slight difference is normal.

**Q42. You pick a coloured marble from a bag of 10. Explain how the outcomes are mutually exclusive and exhaustive.**

**Answer:**

Only one marble can be picked at a time, and all are accounted for.

**Solution:**

Mutually exclusive = Can't pick two marbles at once.

Exhaustive = All possible colours are included.

So all outcomes are covered and don't overlap.

**Q43. Two coins are flipped. Use a frequency tree to show all outcomes and their probabilities.**

**Answer:**

Tree has branches for first and second flip.

**Solution:**

First flip:

- **H (1/2)**
  - H (1/2) → HH (1/4)
  - T (1/2) → HT (1/4)
  
- **T (1/2)**
  - H (1/2) → TH (1/4)
  - T (1/2) → TT (1/4)

**Q44. A biased die shows 6 twice as often as any other number. How would you record and analyse the outcomes?**

**Answer:**

Track frequencies and compare to expected ratios.

**Solution:**

Total parts =  $2(6) + 1+1+1+1+1 = 7$

$P(6) = 2 \div 7$

$P(\text{others}) = 1 \div 7$

Roll die many times

Make frequency table and compare with expected

**Q45. Describe how to test the fairness of a spinner with unequal sections using experimental data.**

**Answer:**

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Spin many times, record frequencies, compare with expected probabilities.

**Solution:**

Expected probabilities depend on section size

Record actual frequencies

Calculate relative frequencies

Compare with expected

If close, spinner may be fair

**Q46. A student claims a coin is not fair. What kind of experiment would you do to test this?**

**Answer:**

Flip it many times and compare results to expected.

**Solution:**

Flip coin at least 100 times

Count heads and tails

Expected = 50 each

If large difference, coin may be biased

**Q47. How does the idea of equally likely outcomes apply to drawing cards from a shuffled deck?**

**Answer:**

All cards have equal chance if deck is well shuffled.

**Solution:**

52 cards in deck

Each card has  $1 \div 52$  chance

So all outcomes are equally likely

**Q48. You conduct a survey and ask 100 people to pick a number from 1 to 10. How can you tell if people are choosing fairly?**

**Answer:**

Compare frequency of each number with expected (10)

**Solution:**

Expected frequency =  $100 \div 10 = 10$

Create table of chosen numbers

If some numbers chosen much more, not fair

**Q49. A student rolls a die 180 times and records the frequency of each result. How do they use this to estimate probability?**

**Answer:**

Divide each frequency by 180 to get relative frequency

**Solution:**

$P(\text{number}) = \text{Frequency} \div 180$

Repeat for all numbers

Compare with  $1 \div 6 = 0.167$

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**Q50. A class plays a game where they roll a die and win if they roll a 6. How would they use a table to record and analyse their results?**

**Answer:**

Record wins and losses in a table

**Solution:**

Outcome	Tally	Frequency
Win (6)		
Lose		

Total Rolls = 60

$P(\text{Win}) = 10 \div 60 = 0.167$

Compare with expected =  $1 \div 6 = 0.167$

**Q51. A bag contains 4 red balls and 6 blue balls. One ball is taken out at random. List all possible outcomes and show that their probabilities add up to 1.**

**Answer:** Possible outcomes are red and blue. Their probabilities add up to 1.

**Solution:**

Total balls =  $4 + 6 = 10$

$P(\text{Red}) = 4 \div 10 = 0.4$

$P(\text{Blue}) = 6 \div 10 = 0.6$

Sum =  $0.4 + 0.6 = 1$

**Q52. Two dice are rolled. List all possible outcomes and verify that the sum of their probabilities is 1.**

**Answer:** There are 36 outcomes. Each has probability  $1/36$ .

**Solution:**

Each die has 6 faces.

Total outcomes =  $6 \times 6 = 36$

Each outcome has probability =  $1 \div 36$

Sum of probabilities =  $36 \times (1 \div 36) = 1$

**Q53. A coin is flipped and a die is rolled. Write all possible combined outcomes and check that their total probability is 1.**

**Answer:** There are 12 possible outcomes. Total probability is 1.

**Solution:**

Coin outcomes: H, T

Die outcomes: 1 to 6

Total outcomes =  $2 \times 6 = 12$

Each outcome has probability =  $1 \div 12$

Sum =  $12 \times (1 \div 12) = 1$



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**Q54. Explain how the outcomes from rolling a fair die once form an exhaustive and mutually exclusive set.**

**Answer:** The outcomes are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. They do not overlap and cover all possibilities.

**Solution:**

Each outcome is separate: mutually exclusive

All six outcomes cover every possible result: exhaustive

$$P(1 \text{ to } 6) = 6 \times (1 \div 6) = 1$$

**Q55. A card is picked from a standard deck. List all suits and calculate their probabilities. Prove that they form an exhaustive set.**

**Answer:** Suits: Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs, Spades. Each has 1/4 probability.

**Solution:**

$$\text{Total cards} = 52$$

$$\text{Cards per suit} = 13$$

$$P(\text{Each suit}) = 13 \div 52 = 1 \div 4$$

$$\text{Sum} = 1 \div 4 + 1 \div 4 + 1 \div 4 + 1 \div 4 = 1$$

**Q56. A bag contains 3 green and 2 yellow counters. A counter is picked and then replaced. Describe all possible outcomes and show their total probability is 1.**

**Answer:** Outcomes: Green and Yellow. Total probability = 1.

**Solution:**

$$\text{Total counters} = 3 + 2 = 5$$

$$P(\text{Green}) = 3 \div 5$$

$$P(\text{Yellow}) = 2 \div 5$$

$$\text{Sum} = 3 \div 5 + 2 \div 5 = 5 \div 5 = 1$$

**Q57. A student flips a fair coin 100 times. What should happen to the relative frequency of heads as the number of flips increases?**

**Answer:** The relative frequency of heads should get closer to 0.5.

**Solution:**

$$\text{Theoretical probability of heads} = 1 \div 2 = 0.5$$

As trials increase, relative frequency approaches 0.5 due to the law of large numbers

**Q58. Explain why results from a small number of trials may differ from theoretical probabilities and how more trials help accuracy.**

**Answer:** Small samples have more variation. Large samples reduce this.

**Solution:**

Small sample → random variation has more effect

Large sample → randomness averages out

More trials → relative frequency closer to theoretical probability

**Q59. A class rolls a die 20 times each. How can their combined results give a better estimate of probability than one student's results?**



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**Answer:** Combined results increase sample size, improving accuracy.

**Solution:**

Suppose 10 students roll 20 times each → 200 total rolls

Larger sample → more reliable results

Relative frequencies from combined data are closer to theoretical values

**Q60. Describe how a two-way table can be used to compare observed and expected frequencies for flipping a coin 200 times.**

**Answer:** List heads and tails in rows with observed and expected columns.

**Solution:**

Outcome	Observed	Expected
Heads	110	100
Tails	90	100

**Compare results:** the difference shows how close the experiment is to the theory

**Q61. A bag has 2 red, 3 blue and 5 green counters. Describe a method to estimate the probability of drawing a red counter using experiment.**

**Answer:** Draw a counter many times, record the results, calculate relative frequency.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Draw and replace counter 100 times

Step 2: Count number of times red is drawn

Step 3:  $P(\text{Red}) \approx \text{Number of reds} \div 100$

**Q62. Draw a Venn diagram to represent the outcomes of drawing a red or even-numbered card from a standard pack.**

**Answer:** One circle for red cards, one for even cards. Overlap shows red even cards.

**Solution:**

Red cards = 26

Even cards = cards numbered 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 from all suits = 20

Red even cards = 5

Venn diagram shows total, individual, and overlap regions

**Q63. Two events A and B are mutually exclusive. Explain what this means and how to calculate the probability of A or B.**

**Answer:** A and B cannot happen at the same time.  $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$

**Solution:**

$P(A \cap B) = 0$

$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

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**Q64. A group of students were asked whether they like maths or science. Use a Venn diagram to represent the data and find the number who like only one subject.**

**Answer:** Fill Venn diagram using values for maths, science, and both.

**Solution:**

Let total for maths = 25

Total for science = 20

Like both = 10

Only maths =  $25 - 10 = 15$

Only science =  $20 - 10 = 10$

Only one subject =  $15 + 10 = 25$

**Q65. Use a table to list the outcomes when a die is rolled and a coin is flipped. How many outcomes are there?**

**Answer:** There are 12 outcomes.

**Solution:**

Die: 1 to 6

Coin: H, T

Die Roll	Coin Flip	Outcome
1	H	(1, H)
1	T	(1, T)
2	H	(2, H)
2	T	(2, T)
3	H	(3, H)
3	T	(3, T)
4	H	(4, H)
4	T	(4, T)
5	H	(5, H)
5	T	(5, T)
6	H	(6, H)
6	T	(6, T)

**Q66. Draw a possibility space for two spins of a spinner with outcomes A, B, and C.**

**Answer:** 9 outcomes in a 3×3 grid

**Solution:**

Outcomes: A, B, C

	A	B	C
A	AA	AB	AC
B	BA	BB	BC
C	CA	CB	CC

Total: 9

**Q67. A spinner with four equal sections is spun twice. Construct the theoretical possibility space and calculate the probability of getting the same result both times.**

**Answer:** 4 outcomes match: AA, BB, CC, DD out of 16 total

**Solution:**

Total outcomes =  $4 \times 4 = 16$

Matching outcomes = 4

$P(\text{Same}) = 4 \div 16 = 1 \div 4$

**Q68. Construct a tree diagram for picking a red or blue ball from a bag and then flipping a coin.**

**Answer:** Tree with first stage red/blue, second stage heads/tails

**Solution:**

**Stage 1:**

- Red
  - Heads
  - Tails
- Blue
  - Heads
  - Tails

**Total = 4 outcomes:** RH, RT, BH, BT

**Q69. Explain how to use a tree diagram to find the probability of getting two heads when flipping a coin twice.**

**Answer:** Multiply probabilities along the path:  $H \rightarrow H$



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**Solution:**

First flip: H (1/2), T (1/2)

Second flip: H (1/2), T (1/2)

$$P(\text{H and H}) = 1 \div 2 \times 1 \div 2 = 1 \div 4$$

**Q70. A student picks a card, replaces it, and picks again. Draw a tree diagram and use it to find the probability of getting two aces.**

**Answer:** Tree with ace and not ace branches for both draws

**Solution:**

Deck has 4 aces, 52 cards

$$P(\text{Ace}) = 4 \div 52 = 1 \div 13$$

$$P(\text{Ace then Ace}) = 1 \div 13 \times 1 \div 13 = 1 \div 169$$

**Q71. Explain how tree diagrams show the difference between independent and dependent events using the example of picking two counters without replacement.**

**Answer:** Tree diagrams show dependent events by adjusting probabilities in the second stage based on the first event.

**Solution:**

Tree diagrams show all possible outcomes in stages.

When events are dependent (like picking without replacement), the total changes after the first event.

Example: Bag has 3 red and 2 blue counters.

**First pick:**

- Red = 3/5
- Blue = 2/5

**If red is picked first:**

- Second red = 2/4
- Second blue = 2/4

**If blue is picked first:**

- Second red = 3/4
- Second blue = 1/4

This shows how second probabilities depend on the first.

**Q72. In a bag of 10 balls (4 red, 6 blue), two are drawn without replacement. Use a tree diagram to find the probability of getting one red and one blue.**

**Answer:** 0.48

**Solution:**

**First pick:**



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- Red =  $4/10$
- Blue =  $6/10$

**If red is first:**

- Blue =  $6/9$

Probability(Red then Blue) =  $(4/10) \times (6/9) = 24/90$

**If blue is first:**

- Red =  $4/9$

Probability(Blue then Red) =  $(6/10) \times (4/9) = 24/90$

Total probability =  $24/90 + 24/90 = 48/90 = 0.48$

**Q73. Describe how the structure of a tree diagram changes when replacement is allowed versus when it is not.**

**Answer:** With replacement, probabilities stay the same; without replacement, they change after the first event.

**Solution:**

**With replacement:** total number of items stays the same, so all branches in each stage have same probabilities.

**Without replacement:** total number reduces after each pick, so probabilities in the second stage change.

**Example:**

With replacement: First red =  $3/5$ , Second red =  $3/5$

Without replacement: First red =  $3/5$ , Second red =  $2/4$

**Q74. A fair coin is flipped and then a biased die is rolled (where 6 is twice as likely). Construct a tree diagram and label probabilities.**

**Answer:** Tree has 2 branches for coin, each followed by 6 die outcomes with adjusted probabilities.

**Solution:**

Coin:

- Heads =  $1/2$
- Tails =  $1/2$

Die: total parts =  $1+1+1+1+1+2 = 7$

- 1 to 5 =  $1/7$  each
- 6 =  $2/7$

Each branch after coin flip has die outcomes:

[www.megalecture.com](http://www.megalecture.com)

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- $1 = 1/7$
- $2 = 1/7$
- $3 = 1/7$
- $4 = 1/7$
- $5 = 1/7$
- $6 = 2/7$

**Q75. Explain how to use a possibility grid to show the outcomes of two dice and calculate the probability of getting a total greater than 9.**

**Answer:** Create 6×6 grid and count outcomes with sum >9; divide by 36.

**Solution:**

Total outcomes =  $6 \times 6 = 36$

Sums >9 are:

- (4,6), (5,5), (5,6), (6,4), (6,5), (6,6)  
Outcomes = 6  
Probability =  $6/36 = 1/6 \approx 0.1667$

**Q76. You draw a card and roll a die. Construct the full set of outcomes and determine how many are possible.**

**Answer:**  $52 \times 6 = 312$  outcomes

**Solution:**

Deck has 52 cards

Die has 6 faces

Total outcomes =  $52 \times 6 = 312$

**Q77. A jar has 3 red, 2 green, and 5 yellow sweets. One sweet is chosen, eaten, and then another is chosen. Find the probability of picking two different colours.**

**Answer:**  $66/90 = 0.733$

**Solution:**

Total = 10

Total ways to choose 2 =  $10 \times 9 = 90$

Same colour:

- Red→Red =  $(3/10) \times (2/9) = 6/90$
- Green→Green =  $(2/10) \times (1/9) = 2/90$
- Yellow→Yellow =  $(5/10) \times (4/9) = 20/90$   
Same colour total =  $6+2+20 = 28/90$   
Different colour =  $1 - 28/90 = 62/90 \approx 0.6889$   
Correction: Check combinations:  
Red→Green =  $(3/10) \times (2/9) = 6/90$



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$$\text{Red} \rightarrow \text{Yellow} = (3/10) \times (5/9) = 15/90$$

$$\text{Green} \rightarrow \text{Red} = (2/10) \times (3/9) = 6/90$$

$$\text{Green} \rightarrow \text{Yellow} = (2/10) \times (5/9) = 10/90$$

$$\text{Yellow} \rightarrow \text{Red} = (5/10) \times (3/9) = 15/90$$

$$\text{Yellow} \rightarrow \text{Green} = (5/10) \times (2/9) = 10/90$$

$$\text{Total different} = 6 + 15 + 6 + 10 + 15 + 10 = 62/90 = 0.689$$

**Q78. Two students flip a coin 50 times each. Explain how combining their results helps improve the estimate of the probability of heads.**

**Answer:** Larger sample size gives better estimate of theoretical probability.

**Solution:**

Each student flips 50 times, total 100 flips

More trials reduce effect of chance

So relative frequency of heads over 100 flips gives more accurate estimate

**Q79. A survey shows that 70 students like sports, 50 like music, and 30 like both. Represent this using a Venn diagram and find how many like only one activity.**

**Answer:** 60 students like only one activity

**Solution:**

$$\text{Only sports} = 70 - 30 = 40$$

$$\text{Only music} = 50 - 30 = 20$$

$$\text{Total liking only one} = 40 + 20 = 60$$

**Q80. A class of 40 students has 22 boys and 18 girls. 14 boys and 12 girls like maths. Use a two-way table to show this data.**

**Answer:** Table created with totals and maths preferences

	Like Maths	Don't Like Maths	Total
Boys	14	8	22
Girls	12	6	18
Total	26	14	40

**Solution:**

$$\text{Boys like maths} = 14$$

$$\text{Boys don't like maths} = 22 - 14 = 8$$

$$\text{Girls like maths} = 12$$

$$\text{Girls don't like maths} = 18 - 12 = 6$$

$$\text{Total like maths} = 14 + 12 = 26$$

$$\text{Total don't like maths} = 8 + 6 = 14$$

$$\text{Total students} = 40$$



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**Q81. Given that a student has passed a test, what is the probability they revised, using a table showing 100 students and their revision/pass status?**

**Answer:**  $45/65 = 0.692$

**Solution:**

From table:

Students who revised and passed = 45

Students who passed without revising = 20

Total passed =  $45 + 20 = 65$

$P(\text{Revised} \mid \text{Passed}) = 45/65 = 0.692$

**Q82. In a game, a player wins if they draw a red card and then roll an even number. Draw a tree diagram and find the probability of winning.**

**Answer:**  $1/4$

**Solution:**

Probability of red card =  $26/52 = 1/2$

Even numbers on die = 2,4,6  $\rightarrow$  3 outcomes

$P(\text{Even}) = 3/6 = 1/2$

$P(\text{Win}) = (1/2) \times (1/2) = 1/4$

**Q83. A bag contains 5 red and 5 blue counters. One is drawn, not replaced, and another is drawn. Use a tree diagram to find the probability both are blue.**

**Answer:**  $2/9$

**Solution:**

First blue =  $5/10 = 1/2$

Second blue (after 1st blue removed) =  $4/9$

$P(\text{Both blue}) = (1/2) \times (4/9) = 4/18 = 2/9$

**Q84. A box has 3 pens: black, blue, and red. One pen is picked and used to tick an answer. How many outcomes are possible?**

**Answer:** 3

**Solution:**

Possible outcomes = black, blue, red

Total = 3 outcomes

**Q85. List all the outcomes of rolling two different dice and calculate the probability that the two numbers are equal.**

**Answer:**  $1/6$

**Solution:**

Total outcomes =  $6 \times 6 = 36$

Equal outcomes: (1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4), (5,5), (6,6) = 6

$P(\text{Equal numbers}) = 6/36 = 1/6$

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**Q86. A test has two questions. Each has a correct answer with probability 0.6. What is the probability of getting both right using a tree diagram?**

**Answer:** 0.36

**Solution:**

$$P(\text{Correct 1st}) = 0.6$$

$$P(\text{Correct 2nd}) = 0.6$$

$$P(\text{Both correct}) = 0.6 \times 0.6 = 0.36$$

**Q87. Explain how Venn diagrams can be used to find the number of students who belong to neither of two clubs.**

**Answer:** Subtract those in A, B or both from total.

**Solution:**

Venn diagram shows sets A and B and their overlap

$$\text{Total in A or B} = A + B - \text{Both}$$

$$\text{Neither} = \text{Total} - (A + B - \text{Both})$$

**Q88. A student draws two balls from a bag with 4 green and 6 red balls without replacement. What is the probability both are green?**

**Answer:** 2/15

**Solution:**

$$\text{First green} = 4/10$$

$$\text{Second green} = 3/9$$

$$P(\text{Both green}) = (4/10) \times (3/9) = 12/90 = 2/15$$

**Q89. A spinner with three colours is spun twice. Describe how to list all possible outcomes and count how many are the same colour.**

**Answer:** 3 outcomes same colour

**Solution:**

Colours: R, G, B

Possible outcomes: RR, RG, RB, GR, GG, GB, BR, BG, BB = 9

Same colour: RR, GG, BB = 3

**Q90. You toss three coins. How many different outcomes are there? Use a tree diagram to find the probability of getting exactly two heads.**

**Answer:** 3/8

**Solution:**

$$\text{Total outcomes} = 2^3 = 8$$

$$\text{Outcomes with exactly 2 heads: HHT, HTH, THH} = 3$$

$$P(\text{Exactly 2 heads}) = 3/8$$

**Q91. A shop records how many customers buy snacks and drinks. Use a two-way table to analyse the data and find how many bought both.**



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**Answer:** Use the intersection value

**Solution:**

	Snacks Yes	Snacks No	Total
Drinks Yes	30	10	40
Drinks No	20	10	30
Total	50	20	70

Both = Snacks Yes and Drinks Yes = 30

**Q92. A survey shows 40 people own dogs, 30 own cats, and 10 own both. How many own only cats? Use a Venn diagram.**

**Answer:** 20

**Solution:**

$$\text{Only cats} = 30 - 10 = 20$$

**Q93. A card is drawn from a deck. Find the probability of drawing a heart given that the card is red.**

**Answer:** 1/2

**Solution:**

$$\text{Red cards} = 26$$

$$\text{Hearts} = 13 \text{ (all red)}$$

$$P(\text{Heart} | \text{Red}) = 13/26 = 1/2$$

**Q94. A test has a 70% pass rate. Given that a student passed, find the probability they studied, using a tree diagram and expected frequencies.**

**Answer:** 0.875

**Solution:**

Assume 100 students

$$\text{Studied} = 80, \text{ Didn't} = 20$$

$$P(\text{Pass} | \text{Studied}) = 0.75 \rightarrow 80 \times 0.75 = 60$$

$$P(\text{Pass} | \text{Didn't}) = 0.5 \rightarrow 20 \times 0.5 = 10$$

$$\text{Total passed} = 60 + 10 = 70$$

$$P(\text{Studied} | \text{Passed}) = 60/70 = 0.857$$

**Q95. Describe how to calculate the conditional probability of passing a test given that a student studied, using a two-way table.**

**Answer:** Divide number who studied and passed by total who studied

**Solution:**

$$P(\text{Pass} | \text{Studied}) = \text{Passed and Studied} / \text{Total Studied}$$



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**Q96. Use a tree diagram to calculate the probability of getting at least one head in two coin tosses.**

**Answer:**  $3/4$

**Solution:**

Outcomes: HH, HT, TH, TT

At least one head = HH, HT, TH = 3

$P = 3/4$

**Q97. A class rolls a die and records the number. How can they use relative frequencies to estimate the probability of each face?**

**Answer:** Use number of times face appears  $\div$  total rolls

**Solution:**

$P(\text{Face}) = \text{frequency of face} / \text{total rolls}$

**Q98. A box has 2 black, 3 white, and 5 red balls. Draw a ball, replace it, and draw again. What is the probability of getting the same colour twice?**

**Answer:**  $38/100 = 0.38$

**Solution:**

$P(\text{Black twice}) = (2/10) \times (2/10) = 4/100$

$P(\text{White twice}) = (3/10) \times (3/10) = 9/100$

$P(\text{Red twice}) = (5/10) \times (5/10) = 25/100$

Total =  $4+9+25 = 38/100 = 0.38$

**Q99. Two events are A (even number on a die) and B (number less than 4). Show how to use a Venn diagram to find  $P(A \cap B)$ .**

**Answer:**  $1/6$

**Solution:**

$A = \{2,4,6\}$

$B = \{1,2,3\}$

$A \cap B = \{2\}$

$P = 1/6$

**Q100. A test question is answered correctly with probability 0.75. What is the probability of getting exactly one correct answer in two attempts? Use a tree diagram**

**Answer:** 0.375

**Solution:**

$P(\text{Correct}) = 0.75$

$P(\text{Wrong}) = 0.25$

Exactly one correct = CW or WC

$P = (0.75 \times 0.25) + (0.25 \times 0.75) = 0.1875 + 0.1875 = 0.375$