

WORKSHEET 2 PROBABILITY – CHAPTER 15

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT CARROTS ARE GOOD FOR YOUR EYESIGHT?



1 Indicate whether the following events are **certain, likely, an even chance, unlikely** or **impossible** to occur.

- (a) There will be a blue moon tonight.
- (b) If bought a lottery ticket, I would win first prize.
- (c) A new car will not have any defects.
- (d) The next child born in the hospital is a girl.

2 Find the total number of possible outcomes (**sample space**) for the following experiments.

- (a) Choosing a vowel from the word Mathematics.
- (b) Choosing a red ball from 8 different coloured balls, which includes one red ball.
- (c) Choosing an ace from a standard pack of playing cards.

3 Match the following words indicated with these probabilities

- I) 0 II) between 0 and 0.5 III) 0.5 IV) between 0.5 and 1 V) 1
- (a) fifty-fifty chance (b) impossible (c) possible
 - (d) more than likely (e) probable (f) improbable

4 At a fete, tickets numbered from 1 to 100 were issued and one ticket was chosen at random. What is the chance of getting the lucky door prize for getting the following ticket numbers: using certain, likely, even chance, unlikely, and impossible.

- (a) above 50 (b) 50 (c) between 75 and 100
- (d) 101 (e) less than 20 (f) greater than 90

5 An octagon divided into 8 triangles. 3 Red, 3 Blue 2 Yellow

If we spun this eight-sided spinner, what is the probability of obtaining a:

- (a) red (b) yellow (c) red or blue
- (d) brown (e) not red or yellow (f) red, blue or yellow

6 Jose rolls a 12 sided die with faces numbered 1 to 12.

What is the probability of obtaining:

- (a) even number greater than 7 (b) odd number divided by 3 (c) a multiple of 3
- (d) 5 or 6 (e) greater than 5 (f) number between 2 and 7

7 A bag contains 3 Red, 2 Green, 3 Black counters. One counter is chosen at random. Find the probability that this counter will be:

- (a) green (b) black (c) green or black
- (d) not green or black (e) pink (f) not red

8 From a well shuffled pack of 52 playing cards, one card is chosen at random. What is the probability that the card chosen is:

- (a) a 10 (b) joker
- (c) a spade (d) red 8

9 What is the probability of choosing one card at random from a pack of playing cards?

- (a) black ace (b) not a black card
- (c) red or black card (d) an ace of hearts and queen of diamonds

10 From a well shuffled pack of 52 playing cards, one card is chosen at random. What is the probability that the card chosen is:

- (a) 3 or 4 (b) not an ace (c) not a spade
 (d) not a 10 (e) diamond (f) black or red card

11 True or False?

- (a) There are 26 letters in the alphabet. If we choose one letter at random from a page from the Sydney Morning Herald then the probability that it will be a Z will be $\frac{1}{26}$
 (b) The first two children in the Jones family are boys, therefore the probability of getting a girl for the third child will be greater than $\frac{1}{2}$
 (c) Jacques tossed 5 consecutive heads with a coin. The probability of tossing another head with the sixth throw is less than 1 in 2 chance as we just had a run on heads.

12 Kim rolls a normal die. Find the probability of obtaining:

- (a) 4 (b) not a 4 (c) number less than 3
 (d) number not less than 3 (e) not a number less than 5 (f) not an even number

13 Clare rolls a normal die. Find the probability of obtaining:

- (a) 1 or 2 (b) 6 (c) not a 6 (d) less than 6

14 True or False?

A number less than 4 on a die and a number greater than 4 on a die are complementary.

15 True or False?

The probability of choosing a card which is a red king or a black queen from a pack of a well-shuffled playing cards is the same.

16 Complete this statement:

“The sum of the probability of an event and the probability of its complementary event is equal to”

Answers:

A	B	E	G	H	I	L	N
$\frac{1}{13}, 0$	1	III, I II, IV IV, I	Even, unlikely Unlikely, imp. Unlikely, unlikely	$\frac{3}{8}, \frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{26}, \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}, \frac{12}{13}$
$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{26}$				$\frac{5}{8}, 0$	$\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6}$	$1, \frac{1}{26}$	$\frac{3}{4}, \frac{12}{13}$
				$\frac{3}{8}, 1$	$\frac{7}{12}, \frac{1}{3}$		$\frac{1}{4}, 1$

O	R	S	T	U	V	W	Y
F	$\frac{1}{6}, \frac{5}{6}$	Impossible	$\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6}$	F	11	$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{8}$	T
F	$\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$	Unlikely	$\frac{5}{6}, \frac{5}{6}$		8	$\frac{5}{8}, \frac{3}{8}$	
F	$\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{2}$	Unlikely even			52	$0, \frac{5}{8}$	

5 8 2 3 15 11 14 3 2 3 12

1 3 3 10 8 12 8 16 16 6 13 13

7 3 8 12 6 10 4 4 9 8 1 1 3 1