

Big Win

Probability



- 4 A bag contains blue, red, yellow and green balls only.
 A ball is taken from the bag at random.
 The table shows some information about the probabilities.

Colour	Blue	Red	Yellow	Green
Probability	0.15	0.2	0.22	0.43

- (a) Complete the table.

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- (b) Abdul takes a ball at random and replaces it in the bag.
 He does this 200 times.

Find how many times he expects to take a red ball.

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- 5 (a) The n th term of a sequence is $60 - 8n$.

Find the largest number in this sequence.

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 1: \\ 60 - 8(1) &= 60 - 8 \\ &= 52 \end{aligned}$$

52

[1]

- (b) Here are the first five terms of a different sequence.

$$12 \xrightarrow{+7} 19 \xrightarrow{+7} 26 \xrightarrow{+7} 33 \xrightarrow{+7} 40$$

Find an expression for the n th term of this sequence.

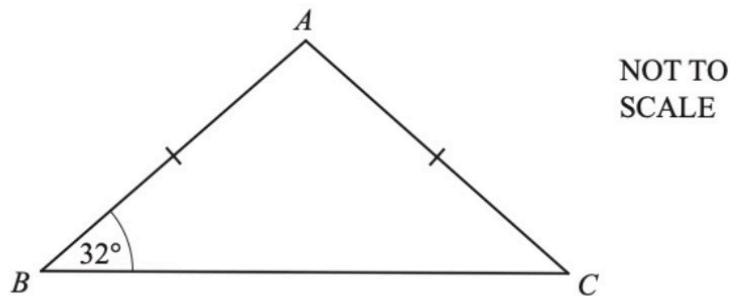
$$\begin{aligned} n^{\text{th}} &: a + (n-1)d \\ &= 12 + (n-1)(7) \\ &= 12 + 7n - 7 \\ &= 7n + 5 \end{aligned}$$

7n + 5

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Triangle ABC is isosceles.

Angle $ABC = 32^\circ$ and $AB = AC$.

Find angle BAC .

$$180 - 2(82)$$

$$= 116$$

Angle $BAC = \dots\dots\dots\dots\dots 116^\circ$ [2]

4 A train journey takes 5 hours 54 minutes.

(a) The journey starts at 09 15.

Find the time that the journey ends.

15 : 09 [1]

(b) The average speed of the train for this journey is 80 km/h.

Calculate the distance travelled.

$$5 \frac{54}{60} h \times 80 \text{ km/h}$$

$$= 472$$

472 km [2]

5 Sofia has a bag containing 8 blue beads and 7 red beads only. She takes one bead out of the bag at random and replaces it. She does this 90 times.

Find the number of times she expects to take a red bead.

$$\frac{7}{15} \times 90 = 42$$

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- 2 The heights, h metres, of the 120 boys in an athletics club are recorded. The table shows information about the heights of the boys.

Height (h metres)	$1.3 < h \leq 1.4$	$1.4 < h \leq 1.5$	$1.5 < h \leq 1.6$	$1.6 < h \leq 1.7$	$1.7 < h \leq 1.8$	$1.8 < h \leq 1.9$
Frequency	7	18	30	24	27	14

- (a) (i) Write down the modal class.

$$\dots 1.5 \dots < h \leq \dots 1.6 \dots [1]$$

- (ii) Calculate an estimate of the mean height.

$$\underbrace{(7 \times 1.35) + (18 \times 1.45) + (30 \times 1.55) + (24 \times 1.65) + (27 \times 1.75) + (14 \times 1.85)}_{120}$$

$$\dots 1.62 \dots \text{ m} [4]$$

- (b) (i) One boy is chosen at random from the club.

Find the probability that this boy has a height greater than 1.8 m.

$$\frac{7}{60} \dots [1]$$

- (ii) Three boys are chosen at random from the club.

Calculate the probability that one of the boys has a height greater than 1.8 m and the other two boys each have a height of 1.4 m or less.

$$3 \left(\frac{14}{120} \times \frac{7}{119} \times \frac{6}{118} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{21}{20060}$$

$$\frac{21}{20060} \dots [4]$$

- 7 Tanya plants some seeds.

The probability that a seed will produce flowers is 0.8 .

When a seed produces flowers, the probability that the flowers are red is 0.6 and the probability that the flowers are yellow is 0.3 .

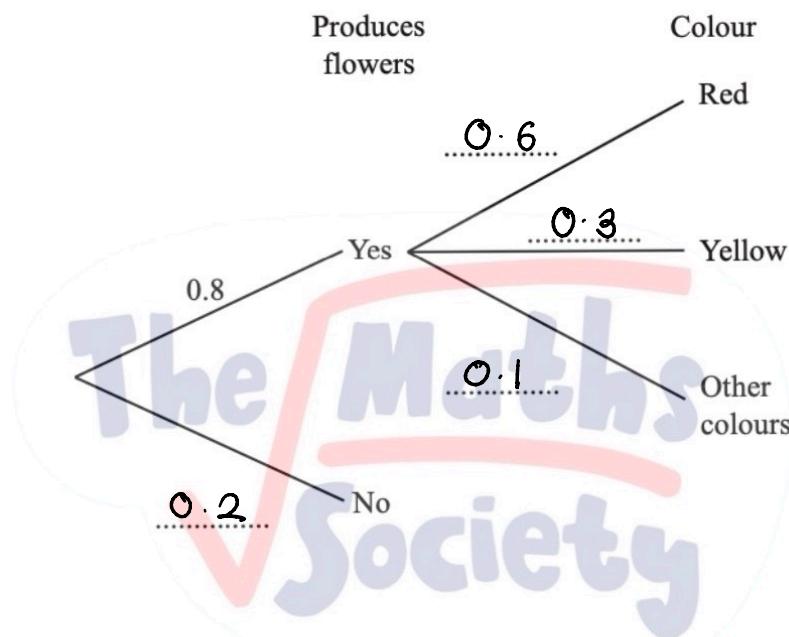
- (a) Tanya has a seed that produces flowers.

Find the probability that the flowers are not red and not yellow.

0.1

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- (b) (i) Complete the tree diagram.



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- (ii) Find the probability that a seed chosen at random produces red flowers.

$$0.8 \times 0.6$$

$$= \frac{8}{10} \times \frac{6}{10}$$

$$= \frac{12}{25}$$

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- (iii) Tanya chooses a seed at random.

Find the probability that this seed does not produce red flowers and does not produce yellow flowers.

$$(0.8 \times 0.1) + 0.2$$

$$= \frac{7}{25}$$

$$\frac{7}{25}$$

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- (c) Two of the seeds are chosen at random.

Find the probability that one produces flowers and one does not produce flowers.

$$2((0.8)(0.2))$$

$$= 2\left(\frac{8}{10} \times \frac{2}{10}\right)$$

$$= \frac{8}{25}$$

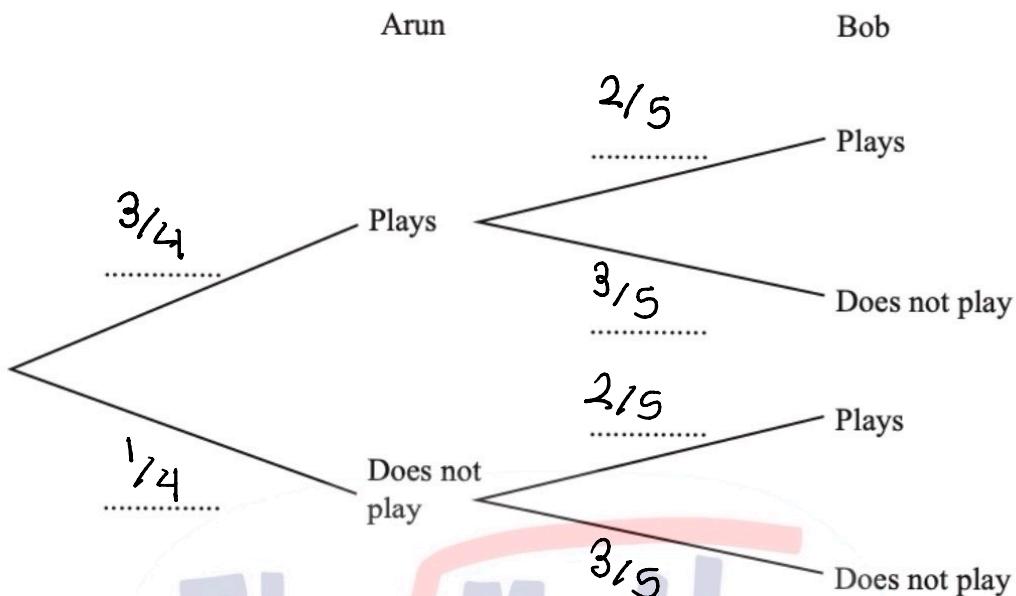
$$\frac{8}{25}$$

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- 7 On any Saturday, the probability that Arun plays football is $\frac{3}{4}$.

On any Saturday, the probability that Bob plays football is $\frac{2}{5}$.

- (a) (i) Complete the tree diagram.



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- (ii) Calculate the probability that, one Saturday, Arun and Bob both play football.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{5} \\ &= \frac{3}{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{3}{10}$$

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- (iii) Calculate the probability that, one Saturday, either Arun plays football or Bob plays football, but not both.

$$\text{Both Plays: } \frac{3}{10}$$

$$\text{Both don't play: } \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{5} = \frac{3}{20}$$

$$1 - \frac{3}{10} - \frac{3}{20}$$

$$= \frac{11}{20}$$

$$\frac{11}{20}$$

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- (b) Calculate the probability that Bob plays football for 2 of the next 3 Saturdays.

$$3 \left(\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{3}{5} \right)$$

$$= 3 \left(\frac{12}{125} \right)$$

$$= \frac{36}{125}$$

$$\frac{36}{125}$$

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- (c) When Arun plays football, the probability that he scores the winning goal is $\frac{1}{7}$.

Calculate the probability that Arun scores the winning goal one Saturday.

$$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{7}$$

$$= \frac{3}{28}$$

$$\frac{3}{28}$$

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- 6 Suleika has six cards numbered 1 to 6.

1	2	3	4	5	6
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- (a) She takes one card at random, records the number and replaces the card.

- (i) Write down the probability that the number is 5 or 6.

$$\frac{1}{3}$$

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- (ii) Suleika does this 300 times.

Find how many times she expects the number 5 or 6.

$$100$$

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- (b) Suleika takes two cards at random, without replacement.

- (i) Find the probability that the sum of the numbers on the two cards is 5.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	x	3	4	5	6	7	
2	3	x	5	6	7	8	
3	4	5	x	7	8	9	
4	5	6	7	x	9	10	
5	6	7	8	9	x	11	
6	7	8	9	10	11	x	

$$\frac{4}{30} = \frac{2}{15}$$

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- (ii) Find the probability that at least one of the numbers on the cards is a square number.

$$\frac{18}{30} = \frac{3}{5}$$

- (b) A bag contains 54 red marbles and some blue marbles.
36% of the marbles in the bag are red.

Find the number of blue marbles in the bag.

$$0.36x = 54$$

$$\frac{x}{0.36} = \frac{54}{0.36}$$

$$x = 150$$

$$150 - 54 = 96$$

$$96$$

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- (c) Another bag contains 15 red beads and 10 yellow beads.
Ariana picks a bead at random, records its colour and replaces it in the bag.
She then picks another bead at random.

- (i) Find the probability that she picks two red beads.

$$\frac{15}{25} \times \frac{15}{25}$$

$$= \frac{9}{25}$$

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- (ii) Find the probability that she does not pick two red beads.

$$\frac{16}{25}$$

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- (d) A box contains 15 red pencils, 8 yellow pencils and 2 green pencils.
Two pencils are picked at random without replacement.

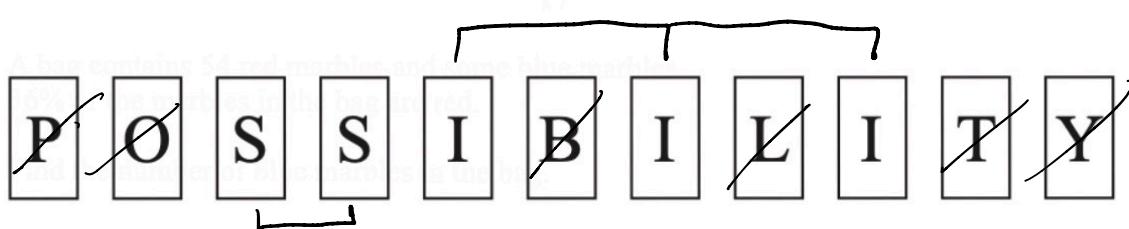
Find the probability that at least one pencil is red.

$$15+8+2 = 25$$

1 - no red

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{10}{25} \times \frac{9}{24} \right) = \frac{17}{20}$$

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Morgan picks two of these letters, at random, **without replacement**.

- (a) Find the probability that he picks

- (i) the letter Y first,

$$\frac{1}{11} \quad [1]$$

- (ii) another letter that is the same as the first.

- (iii) the letter B then the letter Y, and its colour and replaces it in the bag.

She then picks another letter at random.

- (i) Find the probability that she picks two red beads.

$$\frac{1}{11} \times \frac{1}{10}$$

$$= \frac{1}{110}$$

$$\frac{1}{110}$$

[2]

- (iii) two letters that are the same.

$$\left(\frac{2}{11} \times \frac{1}{10} \right) + \left(\frac{3}{11} \times \frac{2}{10} \right)$$

- (d) A box contains 15 red pencils, 8 yellow pencils and 2 green pencils.
Two pencils are picked at random without replacement.

Find the probability that at least one pencil is red.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{55}$$

$$\frac{4}{55}$$

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- (b) Morgan now picks a third letter at random.

Find the probability that



- (i) all three letters are the same,

$$\frac{3}{11} \times \frac{2}{10} \times \frac{1}{9}$$

$$= \frac{1}{165}$$

$$\frac{1}{165}$$

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(ii) exactly two of the three letters are the same,

$$I : 3 \left(\frac{3}{11} \times \frac{2}{10} \times \frac{8}{9} \right) \quad S : 3 \left(\frac{2}{11} \times \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{9}{9} \right)$$

$$\boxed{ } = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{5}$$

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(iii) all three letters are different.

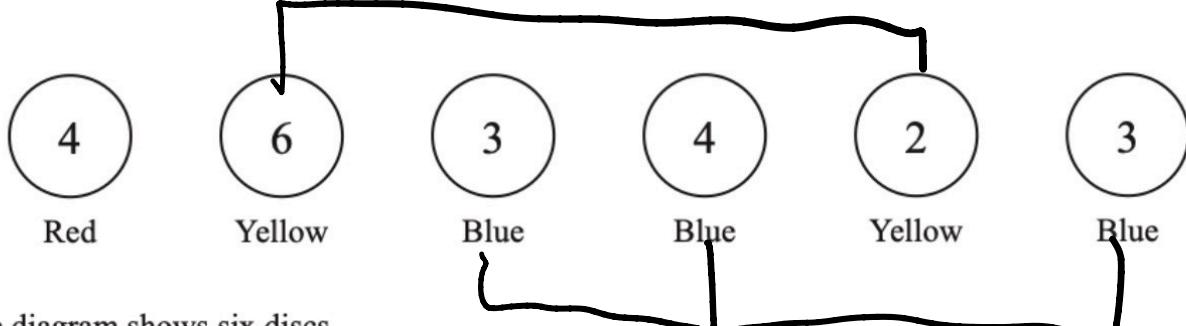
$$1 - \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{165}$$

$$= \frac{131}{165}$$

$$\frac{131}{165}$$

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The diagram shows six discs.
Each disc has a colour and a number.

- (a) One disc is picked at random.

Write down the probability that

- (i) the disc has the number 4,

$$\frac{1}{3}$$

[1]

- (ii) the disc is red and has the number 3,

$$0$$

[1]

- (iii) the disc is blue and has the number 4.

$$\frac{1}{6}$$

[1]

- (b) Two of the six discs are picked at random without replacement.

Find the probability that

- (i) both discs have the number 3,

$$\frac{2}{6} \times \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$\frac{1}{15}$$

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- (ii) both discs have the same colour.

$$\left(\frac{2}{6} \times \frac{1}{5} \right) + \left(\frac{3}{6} \times \frac{2}{5} \right)$$

$$= \frac{4}{15}$$

$$\frac{4}{15}$$

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- 11 A bag contains 7 red discs, 5 green discs and 2 pink discs.

- (a) Helen takes one disc at random, records the colour and replaces it in the bag. She does this 140 times.

Find how many times she expects to take a green disc.

$$\frac{5}{7+5+2} \times 140 = 50$$

..... 50

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- (b) Helen adds 9 green discs and some pink discs to the discs already in the bag.

The probability of taking a green disc is now $\frac{2}{7}$.

Find the number of pink discs that Helen added to the bag.

$$\frac{14}{7+5+2+9+x} = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$\frac{14}{28+x} = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$98 = 46 + 2x$$

$$52 = 2x$$

$$x = 26$$

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- 12 A straight line, l , has equation $y = 5x + 12$.

- (a) Write down the gradient of line l .

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- (b) Find the coordinates of the point where line l crosses the x -axis.

$$0 = 5x + 12$$

$$-12 = 5x$$

$$x = -\frac{12}{5}$$

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- (c) A line perpendicular to line l has gradient k .

Find the value of k .

$$-\frac{1}{5}$$

..... [1]