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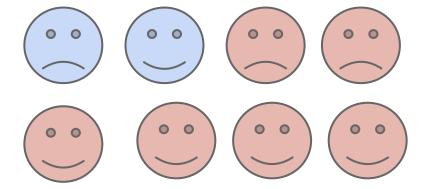
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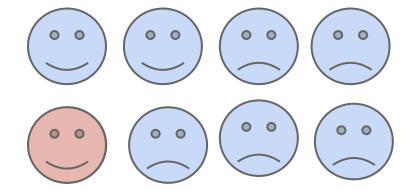
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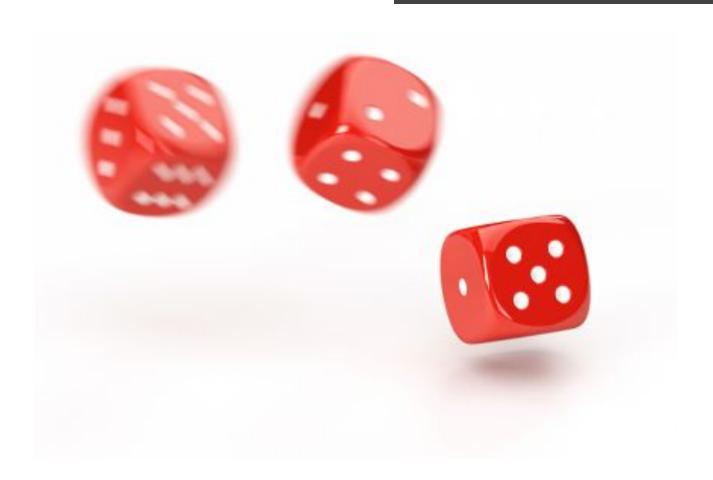


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Randomize?



Compare like with like to isolate the effect of interest



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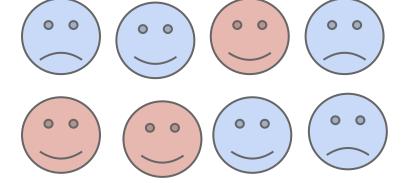
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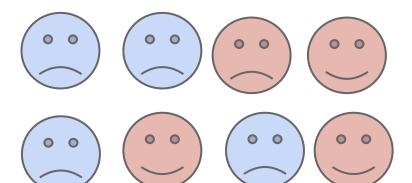


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