

12pts) 3. Phil's Fresh Fish Friends store sells 18 different kinds of fish. For each part below, include the answer and a very brief explanation of why your answer is correct.

(Hint: no two answers on this page will be the same.)

- (a) How many different purchases can you make if you want 6 unique fish to put in one big tank?

$$\binom{18}{6}$$

18,564

this is correct because you want each combination without any repeats.

- (b) You decide you don't care if all of the fish are different. How many ways can you buy 6 (not necessarily unique) fish to put in one big tank?

$$\binom{23}{5} \text{ or } \binom{23}{18}$$

33,649

Stars and bars
18 possibilities
for each fish

- (c) You remember you already have 6 fish bowls (all different sizes and shapes) at home already and don't need to buy a new tank. How many ways can you buy 6 unique fish and arrange them in the different tanks?

$$P(18, 6)$$

13,366,080

this is correct because we need unique combos and we get that from permutations

- (d) You remember that you don't care if the fish are different anymore. How many ways can you purchase 6 fish, not necessarily unique, to put in the 6 very unique fish bowls?

$$18^6$$

For each of 6 fish,
there are 18 options