

11-2 Probability

Content Standard

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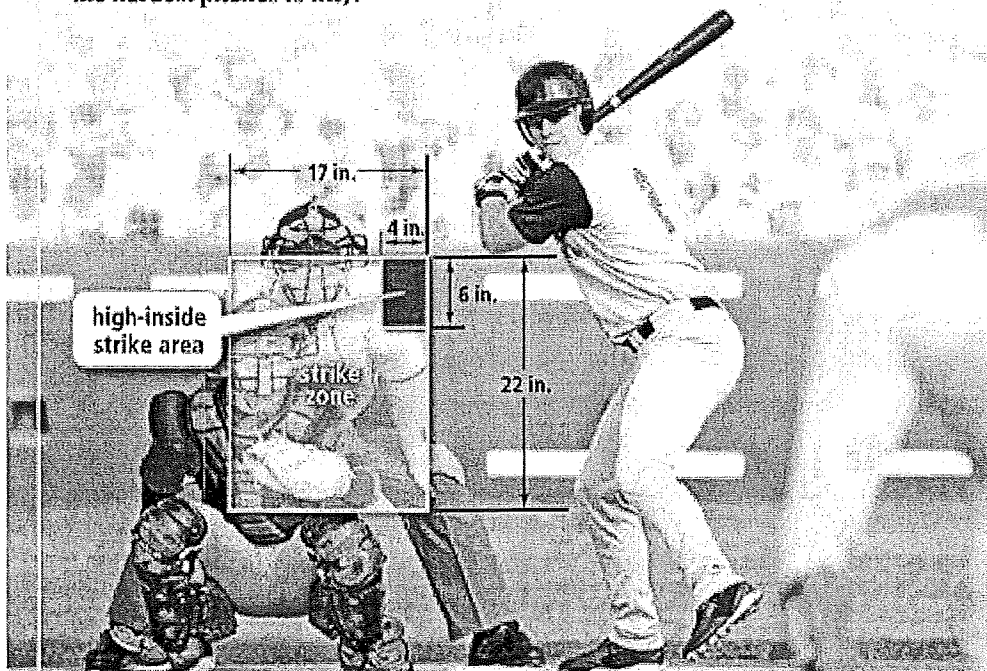
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Geometric Probability

$$P = \frac{\text{area of target region}}{\text{area of total region}}$$

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Geometry A batter's strike zone depends on the height and stance of the batter. What is the geometric probability that a baseball thrown at random within the batter's strike zone, as shown in the figure below, will be a high-inside strike (one of the hardest pitches to hit)?



Got It? 5. Suppose a batter's strike zone is 15 in.-by-20 in. and the high-inside strike zone is 3 in.-by-5 in. What is the probability that a baseball thrown at random within the strike zone will be a high-inside strike?



Algebra 2 – Year 2

Assignment: Lesson 11.2 worksheet

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1. A basketball player attempted 24 shots and made 13. Find the experimental probability that the player will make the next shot she attempts.
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A group of five cards are numbered 1–5. You choose one card at random. Find each theoretical probability.

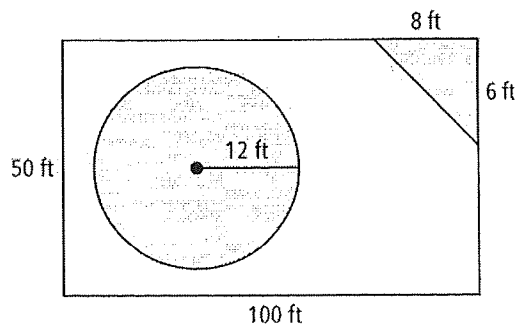
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14. The ball does not land in the pool.



Find the probability of each event.

15. A letter chosen at random from the letters of the word *permutation* is a vowel.

16. A letter chosen at random from the letters of the word *mistletoe* is a consonant.

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17. 2

18. 10

19. an even number

20. an odd number

21. a prime number

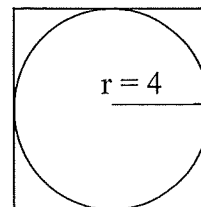
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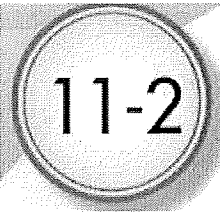
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Problem 1 Finding Experimental Probability

Gridded Response Of the 60 vehicles in a teachers' parking lot today, 15 are pickup trucks. What is the experimental probability that a vehicle in the lot is a pickup truck?

$$P(\text{pickup truck}) = \frac{\# \text{ of pickup trucks}}{\text{total } \# \text{ of vehicles}} = \frac{15}{60} = .25$$

↓
25%

Got It? 1. A softball player got a hit in 20 of her last 50 times at bat. What is the experimental probability that she will get a hit in her next at bat?

$$P(\text{hit}) = \frac{\# \text{ of hits}}{\text{total at bats}} = \frac{20}{50} = .4$$

↓
40%

Problem 3 Finding Theoretical Probability

What is the theoretical probability of each event?

A getting a 5 on one roll of a standard number cube (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

$$P(\text{getting a 5}) = \frac{1}{6}$$

B getting a sum of 5 on one roll of two standard number cubes

$$P(\text{sum 5}) = \frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9} \quad (1, 4), (2, 3), (3, 2), (4, 1)$$

↑
6 choices per die (6 · 6 = 36)

Example 3: A spinner is divided into 8 equal regions, numbered 1 thru 8. Find the theoretical probability of each event for one spin. (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)

a. $P(< 6)$
 (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
 $\frac{5}{8}$

b. $P(\text{factor of } 12)$
 (1, 2, 3, 4, 6)
 $\frac{5}{8}$

c. $P(\text{multiple of } 5)$
 (5)
 $\frac{1}{8}$

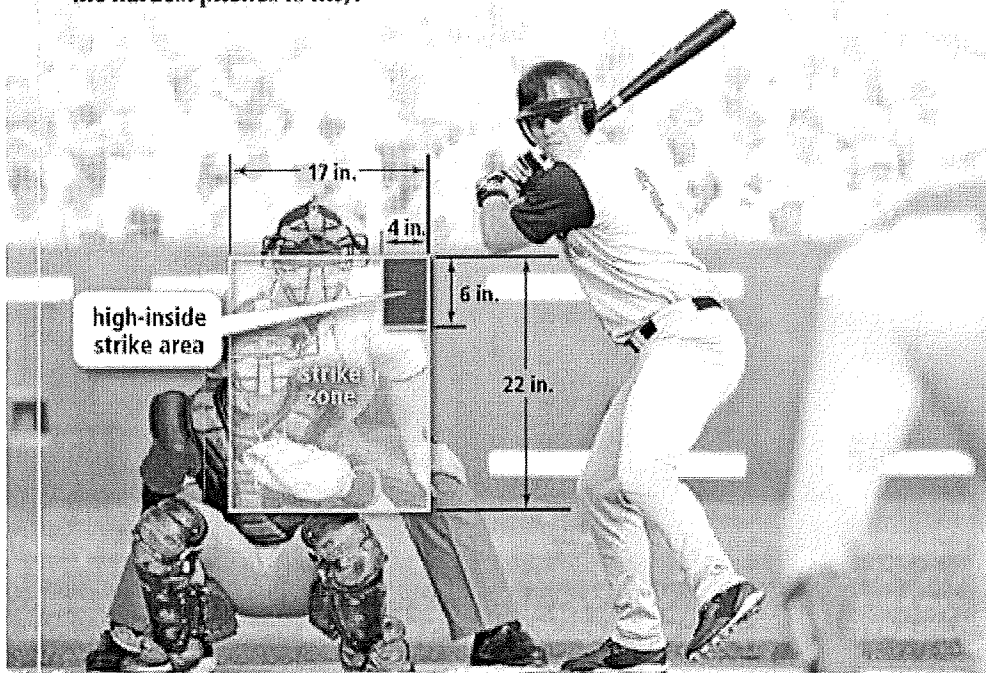
d. $P(\text{prime number})$
 (1, 2, 3, 5, 7)
 $\frac{5}{8}$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &P(\text{high strike zone}) \\
 &= \frac{\text{area of high inside strike zone}}{\text{area of total strike zone}} \\
 &= \frac{4 \cdot 6}{17 \cdot 22} \approx 0.064 \\
 &\quad \downarrow \\
 &\quad \approx 6.4\%
 \end{aligned}$$

Got It? 5. Suppose a batter's strike zone is 15 in.-by-20 in. and the high-inside strike zone is 3 in.-by-5 in. What is the probability that a baseball thrown at random within the strike zone will be a high-inside strike?

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{high strike zone}) &= \frac{3 \cdot 5}{15 \cdot 20} = 0.05 \\
 &\quad \downarrow \\
 &\quad 5\%
 \end{aligned}$$



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$$P(\text{makes shot}) = \frac{\% \text{ of shots made}}{\text{total \% of shots}} = \frac{13}{24} \approx 0.54 \rightarrow 54\%$$

2. A baseball player attempted to steal a base 70 times and was successful 47 times. Find the experimental probability that the player will be successful on his next attempt to steal a base.

$$P(\text{stealing base}) = \frac{\% \text{ of successful stolen bases}}{\text{total \% of attempts}} = \frac{47}{70} \approx 0.67 \rightarrow 67\%$$

A group of five cards are numbered 1–5. You choose one card at random. Find each theoretical probability. (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

3. $P(\text{card is a 2})$

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

4. $P(\text{even number})$

$$\frac{2}{5}$$

5. $P(\text{prime number})$

$$\frac{3}{5}$$

6. $P(\text{less than 5})$

$$\frac{4}{5}$$

A bucket contains 15 blue pens, 35 black pens, and 40 red pens. You pick one pen at random. Find each theoretical probability. Total pens = 90

7. $P(\text{black pen})$

$$\frac{35}{90} = \frac{7}{18}$$

8. $P(\text{blue pen or red pen})$

$$\frac{11}{18}$$

9. $P(\text{not a blue pen})$

$$\frac{5}{6}$$

10. $P(\text{black pen or not a red pen})$

$$\frac{5}{9}$$

The rectangular yard shown below has a circular pool and a triangular garden. A ball from an adjacent golf course lands at a random point within the yard. Find each theoretical probability.

11. The ball lands in the pool.

$$P(\text{lands in pool}) = \frac{144\pi}{5000} \approx 0.09 \rightarrow 9\%$$

12. The ball lands in the garden

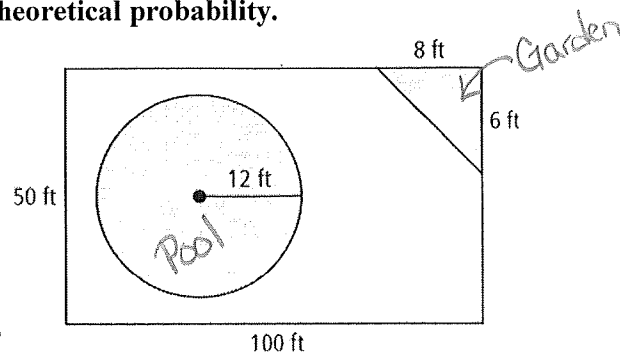
$$P(\text{lands in garden}) = \frac{24}{5000} \approx 0.005 \rightarrow 0.5\%$$

13. The ball lands in the garden or the pool.

$$P(\text{pool or garden}) = \frac{144\pi + 24}{5000} \approx 0.095 \rightarrow 9.5\%$$

14. The ball does not land in the pool.

$$P(\text{not in pool}) = \frac{5000 - 144\pi}{5000} \approx 0.91 \rightarrow 91\%$$



$$\text{Total area} = 50 \cdot 100 = 5000$$

$$\text{Area(pool)} = \pi(12)^2 = 144\pi \approx 452.4$$

$$\text{Area(triangle)} = \frac{1}{2}(8)(6) = 24$$

Find the probability of each event.

15. A letter chosen at random from the letters of the word *permutation* is a vowel.

(e, u, a, i, o)

$$P(\text{vowel}) = \frac{5}{11}$$

16. A letter chosen at random from the letters of the word *mistletoe* is a consonant.

$$P(\text{consonant}) = \frac{5}{9}$$

A spinner is divided into 12 equal regions, numbered 1 through 12. Find the probability of each event for one spin. (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)

17. 2

$$P(2) = \frac{1}{12}$$

18. 10

$$P(10) = \frac{1}{12}$$

19. an even number

(2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12)

$$P(\text{even}) = \frac{6}{12} = \frac{1}{2}$$

20. an odd number

(1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11)

$$P(\text{odd}) = \frac{6}{12} = \frac{1}{2}$$

21. a prime number

(2, 3, 5, 7, 11)

$$P(\text{prime}) = \frac{5}{12}$$

22. a number greater than 3

(4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)

$$P(>3) = \frac{9}{12} = \frac{3}{4}$$

23. a number less than 8

(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)

$$P(<8) = \frac{7}{12}$$

24. a factor of 8

(1, 2, 4, 8)

$$P(\text{factor of 8}) = \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

25. a multiple of 3

(3, 6, 9, 12)

$$P(\text{multiple of 3}) = \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

26. What is the probability that a randomly thrown dart that hits the square board will land in the circular region?

$$\text{Area}(\text{circle}) = \pi r^2 = \pi(4)^2 = 16\pi$$

$$\text{Area}(\text{square}) = x^2 = 8^2 = 64$$

$$P(\text{lands in circle}) = \frac{\text{Area of circle}}{\text{total area}}$$

$$= \frac{16\pi}{64} \approx 0.785 \rightarrow 78.5\%$$

