Y9 Probability

What do I need to be able to do?

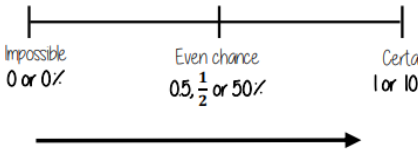
By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- Find single event probability
- Find relative frequency
- Find expected outcomes
- Find independent events
- Use diagrams to work out probabilities

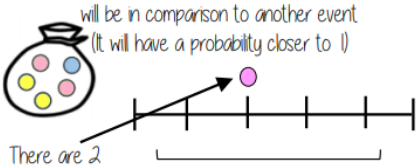
Keywords

Probability: the chance that something will happen
Relative Frequency: how often something happens divided by the outcomes
Independent: an event that is not effected by any other events.
Chance: the likelihood of a particular outcome.
Event: the outcome of a probability – a set of possible outcomes.
Biased: a built in error that makes all values wrong by a certain amount.

The probability scale (R)



The more likely an event the further up the probability it will be in comparison to another event
(It will have a probability closer to 1)



There are 2 pink and 2 yellow balls, so they have the same probability

There are 5 possible outcomes
So 5 intervals on this scale, each interval value is $\frac{1}{5}$

Single event probability (R)

Probability is always a value between 0 and 1

The probability of getting a blue ball is $\frac{1}{5}$
∴The probability of **NOT** getting a blue ball is $\frac{4}{5}$

The sum of the probabilities is 1

The table shows the probability of selecting a type of chocolate

Dark	Milk	White
0.15	0.35	

P(white chocolate) = 1 – 0.15 – 0.35
= 0.5

Relative Frequency

$$\frac{\text{Frequency of event}}{\text{Total number of outcomes}}$$

Remember to calculate or identify the overall number of outcomes!

Colour	Frequency	Relative Frequency
Green	6	0.3
Yellow	12	0.6
Blue	2	0.1
	20	

Relative frequency can be used to find expected outcomes

e.g. Use the relative probability to find the expected outcome for green if there are 100 selections.

Relative frequency x Number of times
$0.3 \times 100 = 30$

Expected outcomes

Expected outcomes are estimations. It is a long term average rather than a prediction.

Dark	Milk	White
0.15	0.35	0.5

The sum of the probabilities is 1

An experiment is carried out 400 times.
Show that dark chocolate is expected to be selected 60 times

$0.15 \times 400 = 60$

Independent events

The rolling of one dice has no impact on the rolling of the other. The individual probabilities should be calculated separately.

Probability of event 1 × Probability of event 2

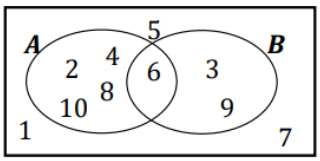
$P(5) = \frac{1}{6}$ $P(R) = \frac{1}{4}$

Find the probability of getting a 5 and a red

$P(5 \text{ and } R) = \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{24}$

Using diagrams

Recap Venn diagrams, Sample space diagrams and Two-way tables (R)



	Car	Bus	Walk	Total
Boys	15	24	14	53
Girls	6	20	21	47
Total	21	44	35	100

The possible outcomes from rolling a dice

The possible outcomes from tossing a coin	1	2	3	4	5	6
H	1,H	2,H	3,H	4,H	5,H	6,H
T	1,T	2,T	3,T	4,T	5,T	6,T