Y7 Sets and Probability

What do I need to be able to do?

By the end of this unit you should be able to:
- Identify and represent sets
- Interpret and create Venn diagrams
- Understand and use the intersection of sets
- Understand and use the union of sets
- Generate sample spaces for single events
- Calculate the probability of a single event
- Understand and use the probability scale

Keywords

Set: collection of things
Element: each item in a set is called an element
Intersection: the overlapping part of a Venn diagram (AND ∩)
Union: two ellipses that join (OR ∪)
Mutually Exclusive: events that do not occur at the same time
Probability: likelihood of an event happening
Bias: a built-in error that makes all values wrong (unequal) by a certain amount, e.g. a weighted dice
Fair: there is zero bias, and all outcomes have an equal likelihood
Random: something happens by chance and is unable to be predicted

Identify and represent sets

The **universal set** has this symbol ξ — this means EVERYTHING in the Venn diagram is in this set

A set is a collection of things — you write sets inside curly brackets { }

ξ = {the numbers between 1 and 50 inclusive}

My sets can include every number between 1 and 50 including those numbers
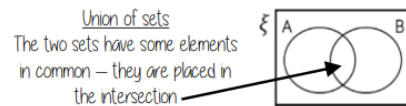
A = {Square numbers}
A = {1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49}

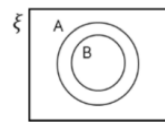All the numbers in set A are square number and between 1 and 50

Interpret and create Venn diagrams

Mutually exclusive sets
The two sets have nothing in common
No overlap

Union of sets
The two sets have some elements in common — they are placed in the intersection

Subset
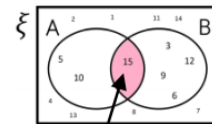All of set B is also in Set A so the ellipse fits inside the set

The box
Around the outside of every Venn diagram will be a box. If an element is not part of any set it is placed outside an ellipse but inside the box

Intersection of sets

Elements in the intersection are in set A AND set B

The notation for this is $A \cap B$

ξ = {the numbers between 1 and 15 inclusive}
A = {Multiples of 5} B = {Multiples of 3}

The element in $A \cap B$ is 15

In this example there is only one number that is both a multiple of 3 and a multiple of 5 between 1 and 15

Probability of a single event

Probability = number of times event happens / total number of possible outcomes

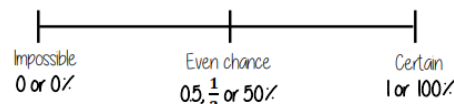P(Blue) = 4 ← There are 4 blue sectors / 10 ← There are 10 sectors overall

Probability notation
P (event)

= 2/5

Probability can be a fraction, decimal or percentage value

$\frac{4}{10}$ = $\frac{40}{100}$ = 0.40 = 40%

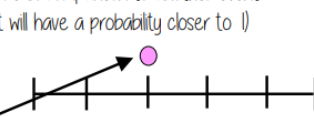Probability is always a value between 0 and 1

The probability scale

Impossible 0 or 0%   Even chance 0.5, $\frac{1}{2}$ or 50%   Certain 1 or 100%

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 $\frac{1}{5}$

Sum of probabilities

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