

S.CP.A.4: Conditional Probability

- 1 The set of data in the table below shows the results of a survey on the number of messages that people of different ages text on their cell phones each month.

Age Group	Text Messages per Month		
	0–10	11–50	Over 50
15–18	4	37	68
19–22	6	25	87
23–60	25	47	157

If a person from this survey is selected at random, what is the probability that the person texts over 50 messages per month given that the person is between the ages of 23 and 60?

- 1) $\frac{157}{229}$
- 2) $\frac{157}{312}$
- 3) $\frac{157}{384}$
- 4) $\frac{157}{456}$

- 2 The results of a poll of 200 students are shown in the table below:

	Preferred Music Style		
	Techno	Rap	Country
Female	54	25	27
Male	36	40	18

For this group of students, do these data suggest that gender and preferred music styles are independent of each other? Justify your answer.

- 3 The results of a survey of the student body at Central High School about television viewing preferences are shown below.

	Comedy Series	Drama Series	Reality Series	Total
Males	95	65	70	230
Females	80	70	110	260
Total	175	135	180	490

Are the events “student is a male” and “student prefers reality series” independent of each other? Justify your answer.

- 4 Data collected about jogging from students with two older siblings are shown in the table below.

	Neither Sibling Jogs	One Sibling Jogs	Both Siblings Jog
Student Does Not Jog	1168	1823	1380
Student Jogs	188	416	400

Using these data, determine whether a student with two older siblings is more likely to jog if one sibling jogs or if both siblings jog. Justify your answer.

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Answer Section

1 ANS: 1

$$\frac{157}{25 + 47 + 157}$$

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2 ANS:

Based on these data, the two events do not appear to be independent. $P(F) = \frac{106}{200} = 0.53$, while

$P(F|T) = \frac{54}{90} = 0.6$, $P(F|R) = \frac{25}{65} = 0.39$, and $P(F|C) = \frac{27}{45} = 0.6$. The probability of being female are not the same as the conditional probabilities. This suggests that the events are not independent.

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3 ANS:

No, because $P(M/R) \neq P(M)$

$$\frac{70}{180} \neq \frac{230}{490}$$

$$0.38 \neq 0.47$$

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4 ANS:

A student is more likely to jog if both siblings jog. 1 jogs: $\frac{416}{2239} \approx 0.19$. both jog: $\frac{400}{1780} \approx 0.22$

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