

S.CP.B.6: Conditional Probability

- 1 A study was designed to test the effectiveness of a new drug. Half of the volunteers received the drug. The other half received a sugar pill. The probability of a volunteer receiving the drug and getting well was 40%. What is the probability of a volunteer getting well, given that the volunteer received the drug?

- 2 At Andrew Jackson High School, students are only allowed to enroll in AP U.S. History if they have already taken AP World History or AP European History. Out of 825 incoming seniors, 165 took AP World History, 66 took AP European History, and 33 took both. Given this information, determine the probability a randomly selected incoming senior is allowed to enroll in AP U.S. History.

- 3 The guidance department has reported that of the senior class, 2.3% are members of key club, K , 8.6% are enrolled in AP Physics, P , and 1.9% are in both. Determine the probability of P given K , to the *nearest tenth of a percent*. The principal would like a basic interpretation of these results. Write a statement relating your calculated probabilities to student enrollment in the given situation.

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Answer Section

1 ANS:

$$P(W / D) = \frac{P(W \wedge D)}{P(D)} = \frac{.4}{.5} \approx .8$$

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2 ANS:

$$\frac{165 + 66 - 33}{825} = \frac{198}{825}$$

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3 ANS:

$$P(P / K) = \frac{P(P \wedge K)}{P(K)} = \frac{1.9}{2.3} \approx 82.6\% \quad \text{A key club member has an 82.6\% probability of being enrolled in AP Physics.}$$

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