

A.S.21: Experimental Probability: Determine empirical probabilities based on specific sample data

- 1 Three high school juniors, Reese, Matthew, and Chris, are running for student council president. A survey is taken a week before the election asking 40 students which candidate they will vote for in the election. The results are shown in the table below.

Candidate's Name	Number of Students Supporting Candidate
Reese	15
Matthew	13
Chris	12

Based on the table, what is the probability that a student will vote for Reese?

- 1) $\frac{1}{3}$ 2) $\frac{3}{5}$ 3) $\frac{3}{8}$ 4) $\frac{5}{8}$

- 2 There are 4 students running for Student Government President. A survey was taken asking 100 students which candidate they would vote for in the election. The results are shown in the table below:

Candidate's Name	Number of Supporters
Ashley	30
Britney	28
Lyshon	14
Walker	28

Based on the table, what is the probability that a student chosen at random will vote for Lyshon?

- 1) $\frac{3}{10}$ 2) $\frac{7}{25}$ 3) $\frac{7}{50}$ 4) $\frac{43}{50}$

- 3 Students in Ms. Nazzeer's mathematics class tossed a six-sided number cube whose faces are numbered 1 to 6. The results are recorded in the table below.

Result	Frequency
1	3
2	6
3	4
4	6
5	4
6	7

Based on these data, what is the empirical probability of tossing a 4?

- 1) $\frac{8}{30}$ 2) $\frac{6}{30}$ 3) $\frac{5}{30}$ 4) $\frac{1}{30}$

- 4 A spinner that is equally divided into eight numbered sectors is spun 20 times. The table below shows the number of times the arrow landed in each numbered sector.

Spinner Sector	Number of Times
1	2
2	3
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	2
7	3
8	1

Based on the table, what is the empirical probability that the spinner will land on a prime number on the next spin?

- 1) $\frac{9}{20}$ 2) $\frac{11}{20}$ 3) $\frac{12}{20}$ 4) $\frac{14}{20}$

- 5 The party registration of the voters in Jonesville is shown in the table below.

Registered Voters in Jonesville	
Party Registration	Number of Voters Registered
Democrat	6,000
Republican	5,300
Independent	3,700

If one of the registered Jonesville voters is selected at random, what is the probability that the person selected is *not* a Democrat?

- 1) 0.333 2) 0.400 3) 0.600 4) 0.667
- 6 Three students each rolled a wooden cube with faces painted red, white, and blue. The color of the top face is recorded each time the cube is rolled. The table below shows the results.

Student	Number of Rolls	Red	White	Blue
1	30	11	7	12
2	50	19	11	20
3	20	8	4	8

If a fourth student rolled the cube 75 times, based on these experimental data, approximately how many times can the cube be expected to land with blue on top?

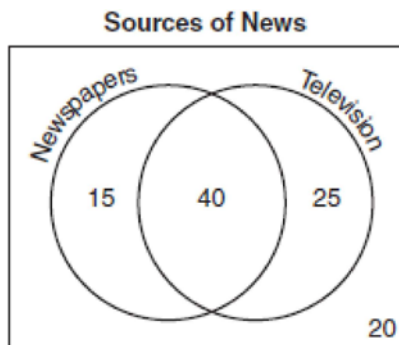
- 1) 25 2) 30 3) 35 4) 40
- 7 Two cubes with sides numbered 1 through 6 were rolled 20 times. Their sums are recorded in the table below.

4	9	8	9	2
9	4	6	12	10
8	7	9	11	10
8	7	9	3	5

What is the empirical probability of rolling a sum of 9?

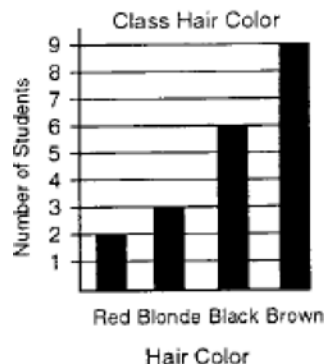
- 1) $\frac{4}{20}$ 2) $\frac{5}{20}$ 3) $\frac{4}{36}$ 4) $\frac{5}{36}$

- 8 The accompanying Venn diagram shows the results of a survey asking 100 people if they get news by reading newspapers or by watching television.



What is the probability that a person selected at random from this survey does not claim television as a source of getting the news?

- 1) $\frac{15}{100}$ 2) $\frac{35}{100}$ 3) $\frac{55}{100}$ 4) $\frac{75}{100}$
- 9 The graph below shows the hair colors of all the students in a class.



What is the probability that a student chosen at random from this class has black hair?

- 10 Casey purchased a pack of assorted flower seeds and planted them in her garden. When the first 25 flowers bloomed, 11 were white, 5 were red, 3 were blue, and the rest were yellow. Find the empirical probability that a flower that blooms will be yellow.

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1 ANS: 3

$$\frac{15}{15 + 13 + 12} = \frac{15}{40} = \frac{3}{8}$$

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2 ANS: 3

$$\frac{14}{30 + 28 + 14 + 28} = \frac{14}{100} = \frac{7}{50}$$

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3 ANS: 2 REF: 060908ia

4 ANS: 3

$$\frac{3 + 2 + 4 + 3}{20} = \frac{12}{20}$$

REF: 011129ia

5 ANS: 3

$$\frac{5300 + 3700}{6000 + 5300 + 3700} = .6$$

REF: 010017a

6 ANS: 2

$$\frac{12 + 20 + 8}{30 + 50 + 20} \cdot 75 = 30$$

REF: 011528ia

7 ANS: 2 REF: 011415ia

8 ANS: 2

$$\frac{15 + 20}{100} = \frac{35}{100}$$

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9 ANS:

$$\frac{6}{20} \cdot \frac{6}{2 + 3 + 6 + 9} = \frac{6}{20}$$

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10 ANS:

$$\frac{6}{25} \cdot \frac{25 - (11 + 5 + 3)}{25}$$

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