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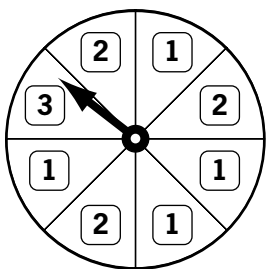
**Module 20** Solving Problems Using Probability, Statistics, and Discrete Math  
**Lesson 3** Solving Advanced Probability Problems

**additional practice**

**René has two glasses of diet soda and sets them down on a table that already has eight glasses of regular soda on it. Now René is not sure which glasses contain diet soda. She randomly selects two glasses.**

1. What is the probability René selects two glasses containing diet soda?  
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2. What is the probability René does not select two glasses containing diet soda?  
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3. What is the probability the first cup René selects contains diet soda, and the second does not? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the probability the first cup René selects does not have diet soda, and the second does? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rod and Sue are playing a game that includes a spinner. The directions of the game say that each player can spin the spinner two times. Assume that the spinner cannot be controlled by the players and stops randomly; find each of the probabilities.**



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <math>P(\text{both spins are } 1)</math><br/>_____</li> <li>7. <math>P(\text{both spins are } 3)</math><br/>_____</li> <li>9. <math>P(\text{neither spin is } 2)</math><br/>_____</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. <math>P(\text{both spins are } 2)</math><br/>_____</li> <li>8. <math>P(\text{first spin is } 1, \text{ second spin is } 3)</math><br/>_____</li> <li>10. <math>P(\text{both spins are } 4)</math><br/>_____</li> </ol> |
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**Hospitals have backup generators in case of a power failure. One hospital's safety director reports there are a 0.002 chance of a power failure and a 0.0001 chance that the backup generator will fail to operate. Assume these failures are independent events.**

11. What percentage of the time can a hospital expect to have their normal power supply working? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What is the probability a power failure will occur, and the backup generator will fail? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What is the probability a power failure will occur, and the backup generator will work? \_\_\_\_\_

**The table shows the results of a realtor company's survey of 2,000 new or used home buyers in suburban American cities one year after purchase.**

	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Total
New Home	500	100	600
Used Home	1,000	400	1,400
Total	1,500	500	2,000

14. Find the probability a person surveyed bought a new home. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Find the probability a person surveyed was satisfied. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Find the probability a person surveyed bought a new home and was not satisfied. \_\_\_\_\_

**In a certain district, 55% of the voters in an election are women. It is predicted that 60% of women and 48% of men will vote for the Democratic candidate. An exit pollster picked every twentieth voter and asked for whom they voted.**

17. Find the probability the person polled was a woman who voted for the Democratic candidate. \_\_\_\_\_
18. Find the probability the person polled was a man who did not vote for the Democratic candidate. \_\_\_\_\_
19. Find the probability the person polled was a woman who did not vote for the Democratic candidate. \_\_\_\_\_

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**A NASA International Space Station critical component has a 0.02 probability of failure. In case of a failure, NASA builds in redundancy so that identical backup components with the same probability of failure will take over in case of failure.**

20. What is the probability the original component and one backup component will both fail? \_\_\_\_\_
21. What is the probability the original component and two backup components will all three fail? \_\_\_\_\_
22. How many backup components must be installed to insure that the probability of at least one of the components will work is 0.999999? Hint: "at least one will work" is the complement of "all will fail."

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