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## Probability: Skill 5-26B

## Outcomes

For answer to test question 26B look at Example 1.
The probability of an event can be written as a fraction.

| What is the probability <br> of the spinner stopping <br> on 4? | Possible | There is one favorable outcome <br> (stopping on 4). There are 4 possible <br> outcomes: <br> outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4 so the probability <br> of the spinner stopping on 4 is <br> $1,2,3,4$ | You can also write <br> 1 out of 4 |
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| as a fraction. |  |  |  |

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$\frac{1}{4} \leftarrow$ one favorable outcome possible outcomes

So, the probability of the spinner stopping on 4 is 1 out of 4 or $\frac{1}{4}$.

## Example 1

What is the probability of the spinner stopping on 2 or 3 ?
2 favorable outcomes (stopping on 2 or 3 ).
8 possible outcomes (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8)
answer: 2 out of 8 or $\frac{2}{8}$. An equivalent fraction for $\frac{2}{8}$ is $\frac{1}{4}$.


The probability of the pointer stopping on 2 or 3 is $\frac{2}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$.

Directions: Find the probability of each event?

## Example 2

spinning a 2
1 favorable outcome (stopping on 2)
8 possible outcomes (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8)


## Example 3

spinning a 7 or 8
2 favorable outcomes (stopping on 7 or 8)
8 possible outcomes (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8)


Answer: $\frac{2}{8}$ or the equivalent fraction $\frac{1}{4}$
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Directions: Find the probability of each event?

| Example 4 <br> spinning an odd number <br> 2 favorable outcome (stopping on 1 or 3) 4 possible outcomes (1,2,3,4) <br> Answer: $\frac{2}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ | Example 5 <br> spinning an even number <br> 4 favorable outcomes (stopping on $2,4,6$ or 8 ) <br> 8 possible outcomes (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8) <br> Answer: $\frac{4}{8}$ or the equivalent <br> fraction $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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Directions: Find the probability of each event?

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Directions: Find the probability of each event? Pretend you are pulling a marble without looking.
17. pulling a white marble
18. pulling a gray marble
19. pulling a spotted marble
20. pulling a white or gray marble
21. pulling a gray or spotted marble

22. pulling any marble
23. pulling a gray marble
24. pulling a gray or spotted marble
25. pulling a white marble

26. pulling a marble that is not gray

Answer Key: Skill 26B Grade 5

| 1. three out of six; $\frac{3}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2. two out of six; $\frac{2}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ | 3. three out of $8 ; \frac{3}{8}$ |
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| 4. two out of eight; $\frac{2}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ | 5. four out of eight; $\frac{4}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6. one out of four; $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| 7. five out of eight; $\frac{5}{8}$ | 8. one out of $8 ; \frac{1}{8}$ | 9. two out of $8 ; \frac{2}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| 10. five out of eight; $\frac{5}{8}$ | 11. three out of four; $\frac{3}{4}$ | 12 two out of four; $\frac{2}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13. two out of six; $\frac{2}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ | 14. three out of six; $\frac{3}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ | 15 . two out of six; $\frac{2}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ |
| 16. three out of six; $\frac{3}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ | 17. five out of ten; $\frac{5}{10}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ | 18. two out of ten; $\frac{2}{10}$ or $\frac{1}{5}$ |
| 19. three out of ten; $\frac{3}{10}$ |  |  |
| 24. eight out of twelve; $\frac{8}{12}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$ | 25. four out of twelve; $\frac{4}{12}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ | 26. six out of twelve; $\frac{6}{12}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| a probability of 1 is certain to happen |  |  |

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