Topic: Basic Probability

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Probability	The likelihood/chance of something	
	happening.	Impossible Unlikely Even Chance Likely Certain
	Is expressed as a number between 0	0 1
	(impossible) and 1 (certain).	1-in-6 Chance 4-in-5 Chance
	Can be expressed as a fraction, decimal,	
	percentage or in words (likely, unlikely,	
	even chance etc.)	
2. Probability	P(A) refers to the probability that event A	P(Red Queen) refers to the probability
Notation	will occur.	of picking a Red Queen from a pack of cards.
3. Theoretical	Number of Favourable Outcomes	Probability of rolling a 4 on a fair 6-
Probability	Total Number of Possible Outcomes	sided die = $\frac{1}{6}$.
4. Relative	Number of Successful Trials	A coin is flipped 50 times and lands on
Frequency	Total Number of Trials	Tails 29 times.
		The relative frequency of getting Tails $=\frac{29}{50}$.
5. Expected	To find the number of expected outcomes,	The probability that a football team
Outcomes	multiply the probability by the number of	wins is 0.2 How many games would
	trials.	you expect them to win out of 40?
		$0.2 \times 40 = 8 games$
6. Exhaustive	Outcomes are exhaustive if they cover the	When rolling a six-sided die, the
	entire range of possible outcomes.	outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are
		exhaustive, because they cover all the
	The probabilities of an exhaustive set of	possible outcomes.
	outcomes adds up to 1.	
7. Mutually	Events are mutually exclusive if they	Examples of mutually exclusive events:
Exclusive	cannot happen at the same time.	- Turning left and right
	The probabilities of an exhaustive set of	- Heads and Tails on a coin
	mutually exclusive events adds up to 1.	
		Examples of non mutually exclusive
		events:
		- King and Hearts from a deck of cards,
		because you can pick the King of
		Hearts
8. Frequency	A diagram showing how information is	Wears glasses
Tree	categorised into various categories.	18 Does not w
	The numbers at the ends of branches tells	Bots not wear glasses
	us how often something happened	Luceos (
	(frequency).	Giris Wears glasses
		Does not wear glasses 8
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	The lines connected the numbers are called										
	branches.									_	
9. Sample	The set of all possible outcomes of an		+	1	2	3	4	5	6		
Space	experiment.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
			2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
			3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
			5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
10. Sample	A sample is a small selection of items from	A sample could be selecting 10 students								tudents	
	a population.	from a year group at school.									
	A sample is biased if individuals or groups										
	from the population are not represented in										
	the sample.										
11. Sample	The larger a sample size, the closer those	A sample size of 100 gives a more									
Size	probabilities will be to the true probability.	reliable result than a sample size of 10.									