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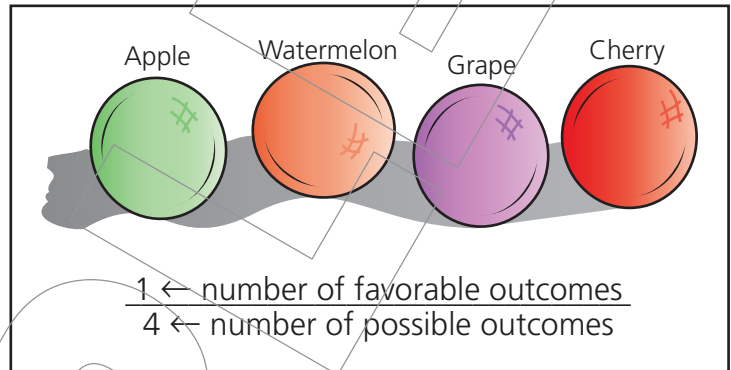
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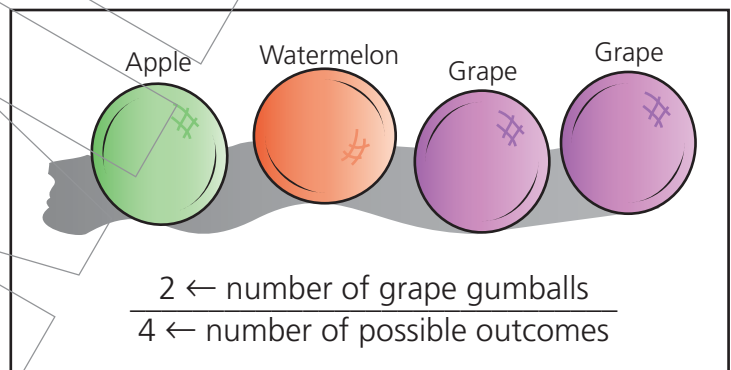
Choosing A Gumball Flavor

Suppose you are hoping for a grape gumball. What is your chance of picking that one without looking? Only one gumball is grape. There are a total of four gumballs. So one out of four gumballs is grape. The chance of picking the grape gumball is one out of four. You can show the probability, or chance, as a fraction.



A favorable outcome is the one you are interested in. It becomes the numerator of the fraction. The total number of possible outcomes becomes the denominator.

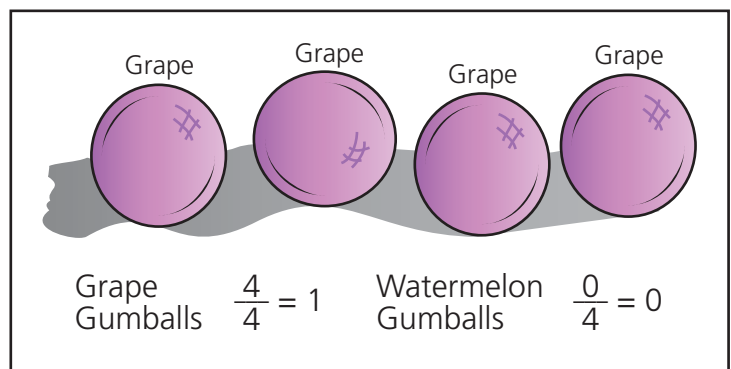
Now suppose there are two grape gumballs, one watermelon, and one apple. There are still four gumballs to pick from, so there are still four possible outcomes. Now, however, two out of four gumballs are grape, so the chances of picking grape has increased.



The fraction $\frac{2}{4}$ tells you the chances of picking a grape gumball from this set. Remember that the numerator, 2, indicates the favorable outcome, or the grape gumballs. The denominator, 4, indicates the total number of possible outcomes.

If three of the gumballs were grape and only one was watermelon, then the chance of picking grape is three out of four, or $\frac{3}{4}$.

When all the gumballs are grape, the outcome is certain. The chances are $\frac{4}{4}$, which is equal to 1.





Probability

1. Suppose you have another bag of gumballs. Which picture shows the same probability as the fraction below shows?

$$\frac{3 \leftarrow \text{number of cherry gumballs}}{6 \leftarrow \text{number of possible outcomes}}$$

(A) Watermelon Watermelon Cherry Cherry Grape Grape

(B) Grape Grape Grape Grape Grape Apple

(C) Cherry Cherry Cherry Apple Watermelon Grape

(D) Cherry Cherry Cherry Cherry Grape Apple



Probability

2. Suppose you have another bag of gumballs. Which picture shows the same probability as the fraction below shows?

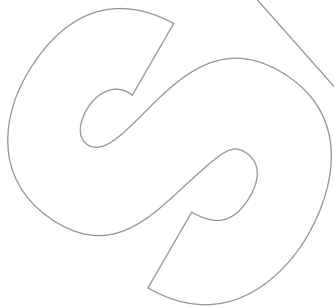
$$\frac{5 \leftarrow \text{number of watermelon gumballs}}{5 \leftarrow \text{number of possible outcomes}}$$

(A) Watermelon Watermelon Watermelon Watermelon Watermelon

(B) Grape Grape Grape Apple Cherry

(C) Cherry Cherry Apple Apple Grape

(D) Cherry Cherry Cherry Cherry Watermelon





Probability

3. Look at the third picture on page 64 again. Why is it impossible to choose a watermelon gumball from the set of four grape gumballs?
- (A) The chance is $\frac{4}{4}$, which is equal to 1.
 - (B) There are not many grape gumballs.
 - (C) The chance is $\frac{0}{4}$, which is equal to 0.
 - (D) No one likes watermelon gumballs.
4. Read the article on page 64 again. How can you increase the probability of picking a grape gumball?
- (A) Take one grape gumball out of the bag.
 - (B) Add more watermelon gumballs to the bag.
 - (C) Replace the apple gumballs with cherry gumballs.
 - (D) Add more grape gumballs to the bag.