

7-6: Find Probabilities of Compound Events

1. Sample answer: A model can represent the sample space, and the sample space can be used to determine the probability of an event.
2. Sample answer: Each model shows the complete sample space of a compound event.
3. Sample answer: You can find the probability of both simple and compound events with the ratio of the number of favorable outcomes to the number of total possible outcomes.
4. $P(\text{Whitney, Prize 2}) = \frac{1}{9}$
5. a. $P(3, \text{heads}) = \frac{1}{8}$
b. $P(\text{odd number, heads}) = \frac{2}{8}$, or $\frac{1}{4}$
6. 2
4
 $\frac{2}{4}$; 50
7. 2
12
 $\frac{2}{12}$; $16\frac{2}{3}$
8. $P(\text{heads up and (1, 2, or 4)}) = \frac{3}{10}$
9. $P(\text{at least two heads}) = \frac{4}{8}$, or 50%
10. Sample answer: If less of either wheel is red, Gary's chance of winning decreases.
11. $P(\text{(long or short) and (pink or blue)}) = \frac{4}{9}$
12. $P(\text{no Y}) = P(\text{no O}) = \frac{20}{30}$;
Sample answer: The probability of choosing a password without any one of the 6 letters is equal because the number of favorable outcomes is the same in each case.
13. a. 36; Sample answer: Each time the cube is rolled there are 6 possibilities. Since the cube is rolled twice, whatever the first number is rolled has the possibility of being paired with 6 different numbers. I multiplied 6 and 6 to find the number of possible combinations.
b. $P(\text{sum of 10}) = \frac{3}{36} = \frac{1}{12}$