

Geometry 13.5

Find probabilities of independent and dependent events

Find probabilities of events given the occurrence of other events  
(conditional probability)

compound (composite) event 2 +  
independent events separate outcomes  
dependent events | 1st  $\rightarrow$  changed 2nd

conditional

Quiz 13.3-13.4 Mon.

Does the first outcome change the options for the second event?  
no, same options (independent)  
yes, something has changed (dependent)



### Example 1 Identify Independent and Dependent Events

Determine whether the events are *independent* or *dependent*. Explain your reasoning.

- a. One coin is tossed, and then a second coin is tossed. I
- The outcome of the first coin toss in no way changes the probability of the outcome
- b. In the class presentation example above, one student's name is chosen and not replaced, and then a second name is chosen. D
- c. Wednesday's lottery numbers and Saturday's lottery numbers. I

### Guided Practice

- 1A.** A card is selected from a deck of cards and put back. Then a second card is selected.
- 1B.** Andrea selects a shirt from her closet to wear on Monday and then a different shirt to wear on Tuesday.

D

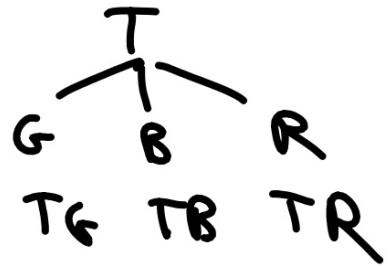
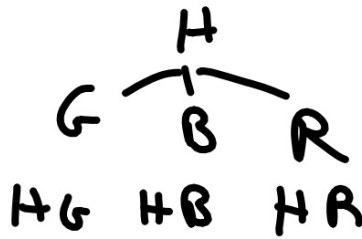
Coin flip + spinner:

2

3



Independent or dependent  
Sample space:



$$\frac{1}{6}$$

How many different outcomes?

6

## KeyConcept Probability of Two Independent Events

**Words** The probability that two independent events both occur is the product of the probabilities of each individual event.

**Symbols** If two events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent, then

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B).$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

This rule can be extended to any number of events.

Independent or dependent? (do options change?)

**Guided Practice**

Find each probability.

$$\perp \quad \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{12}$$

**2A.** A coin is tossed and a die is rolled. What is the probability that the coin lands heads up and the number rolled is a 6?

**2B.** Suppose you toss a coin four times. What is the probability of getting four tails?

$$\perp \quad \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{16}$$

## Real-World Example 2 Probability of Independent Events



**TRANSPORTATION** Marisol and her friends are going to a concert. They put the slips of paper shown into a bag. If a person draws a yellow slip, he or she will ride in the van to the concert. A blue slip means he or she rides in the car.



3B 5Y T 8

Suppose Marisol draws a slip. ~~Not liking the outcome,~~ she puts it back and draws a second time. What is the probability that on each draw her slip is blue?

$$\frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{8} = \frac{9}{64}$$

1st 2nd

$$\frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{2}{7} = \frac{6}{56}$$

Car Van

First result changes the options for the second choice.

### KeyConcept Probability of Two Dependent Events

**Words** The probability that two dependent events both occur is the product of the probability that the first event occurs and the probability that the second event occurs *after* the first event has already occurred.

**Symbols** If two events  $A$  and  $B$  are dependent, then

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B|A).$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{m}$$

This rule can be extended to any number of events

The notation  $P(B|A)$  is read *the probability that event B occurs given that event A has already occurred*. This is called **conditional probability**.

Guided Practice

52  
 13♥    13♦    13♣    13♠  
 R        R        R        R



3. Three cards are selected from a standard deck of 52 cards. What is the probability that all three cards are diamonds if neither the first nor the second card is replaced?

— 2-10  
 J Q K face  
 A

$$D: \frac{13}{52} \cdot \frac{12}{51} \cdot \frac{11}{50} = \frac{1716}{132,600}$$

Does the first event change the options for the next event?

$$\frac{11}{50}$$

Does the first event change the options for the next event?

**TRANSPORTATION** Refer to Example 2. Suppose Marisol draws a slip and does not put it back. Then her friend Christian draws a slip. What is the probability that both friends draw a yellow slip?

$$\frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{7} = \frac{20}{56} = \frac{5}{14}$$

$P_{8|even}$  "given"  $\frac{5}{18}$

	1	2	3	4	5	6
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

$P_{8|D} = \frac{1}{6}$

$$P_S = \frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$P_6 = \frac{5}{36}$$

$$P_D = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

already "given"  
reduced sample space

$P_6$  | not odd

$P_6$  | even  $\frac{1}{3}$

$P_2$  | even  $\frac{1}{3}$

13, 5 @ .95  
7-17 @ 1  
18, 19

