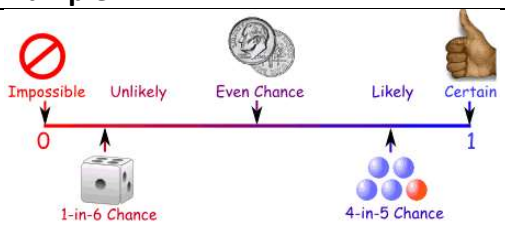
Topic: Basic Probability

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Probability	The **likelihood/chance** of something happening. Is expressed as a number **between 0 (impossible) and 1 (certain)**. Can be expressed as a fraction, decimal, percentage or in words (likely, unlikely, even chance etc.)	
2. Probability Notation	**P(A)** refers to the **probability that event A will occur**.	P(Red Queen) refers to the probability of picking a Red Queen from a pack of cards.
3. Theoretical Probability	$\frac{\textbf{Number of Favourable Outcomes}}{\textbf{Total Number of Possible Outcomes}}$	Probability of rolling a 4 on a fair 6-sided die = $\frac{1}{6}$.
4. Relative Frequency	$\frac{\textbf{Number of Successful Trials}}{\textbf{Total Number of Trials}}$	A coin is flipped 50 times and lands on Tails 29 times. The relative frequency of getting Tails = $\frac{29}{50}$.
5. Expected Outcomes	To find the number of expected outcomes, **multiply** the **probability** by the **number of trials**.	The probability that a football team wins is 0.2 How many games would you expect them to win out of 40? $0.2 \times 40 = 8\, games$
6. Exhaustive	Outcomes are **exhaustive** if they **cover the entire range of possible outcomes**. The **probabilities** of an **exhaustive** set of outcomes **adds up to 1**.	When rolling a six-sided die, the outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are exhaustive, because they cover all the possible outcomes.
7. Mutually Exclusive	Events are mutually exclusive if they **cannot happen at the same time**. The **probabilities** of an exhaustive set of **mutually exclusive** events **adds up to 1**.	Examples of mutually exclusive events: - Turning left and right - Heads and Tails on a coin Examples of non mutually exclusive events: - King and Hearts from a deck of cards, because you can pick the King of Hearts

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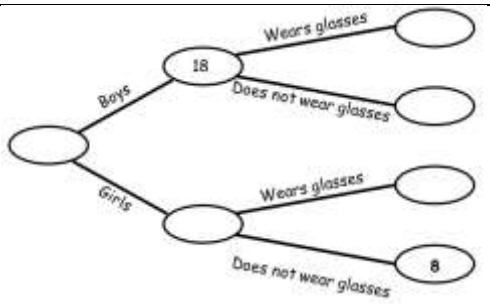
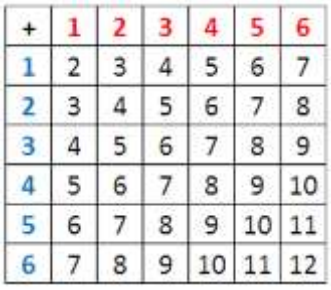
8. Frequency Tree	A diagram showing how information is categorised into various categories. The **numbers** at the ends of branches tells us how often something happened (**frequency**). The **lines** connected the numbers are called **branches**.	
9. Sample Space	The **set of all possible outcomes** of an experiment.	
10. Sample	A **sample** is a small selection of items from a population. A sample is **biased** if individuals or groups from the population are not represented in the sample.	A sample could be selecting 10 students from a year group at school.
11. Sample Size	The larger a sample size, the closer those probabilities will be to the true probability.	A sample size of 100 gives a more reliable result than a sample size of 10.

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