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Power Up: Math ACT Prep, Week 4

Probability

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Bell Ringer: Question 1

What is the likelihood of guessing ***correctly*** on a question from the math portion of the ACT?

Bell Ringer: Question 2

What is the likelihood of guessing ***incorrectly*** on a question from the math portion of the ACT?

Bell Ringer: Question 3

- Does the probability of guessing ***correctly*** increase or decrease if you are guessing from fewer choices?
- In other words, if you could eliminate some options, would the probability of guessing ***correctly*** increase or decrease?

Essential Question

How can I increase my ACT score?

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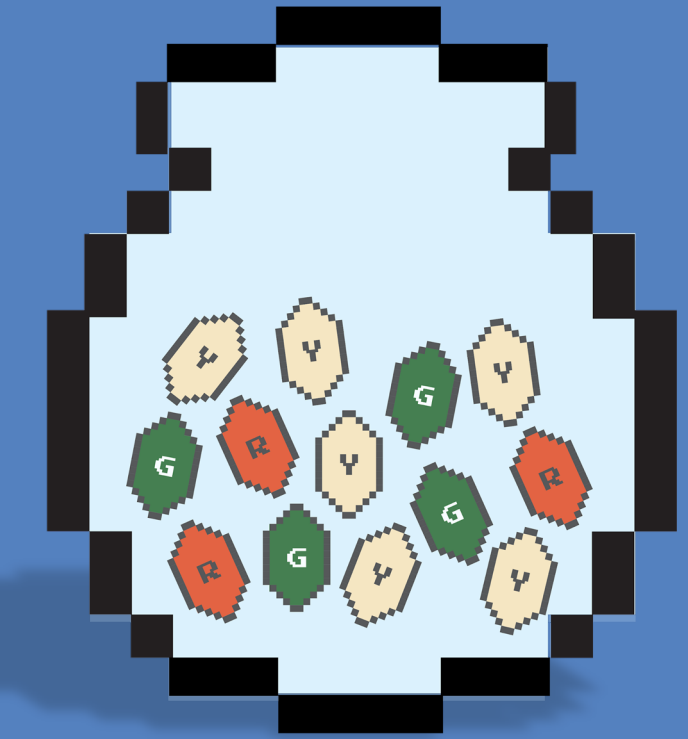
Learning Objectives

- Determine the probability of an event and the probability of its complement.
- Use a Venn diagram to calculate probability.
- Apply the concept of probability to unique situations.

Probability: The Scientific Study of Uncertainty



- **outcomes:** the results of an experiment
  - example: drawing a gem from a bag

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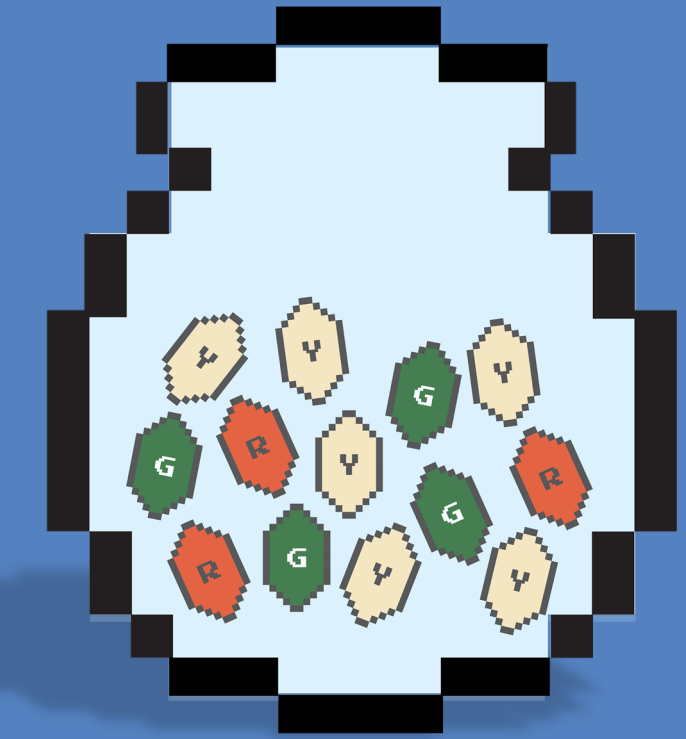

- **event:** a collection of outcomes; usually represented with capital letters
  - example: Y = drawing yellow gems from a bag

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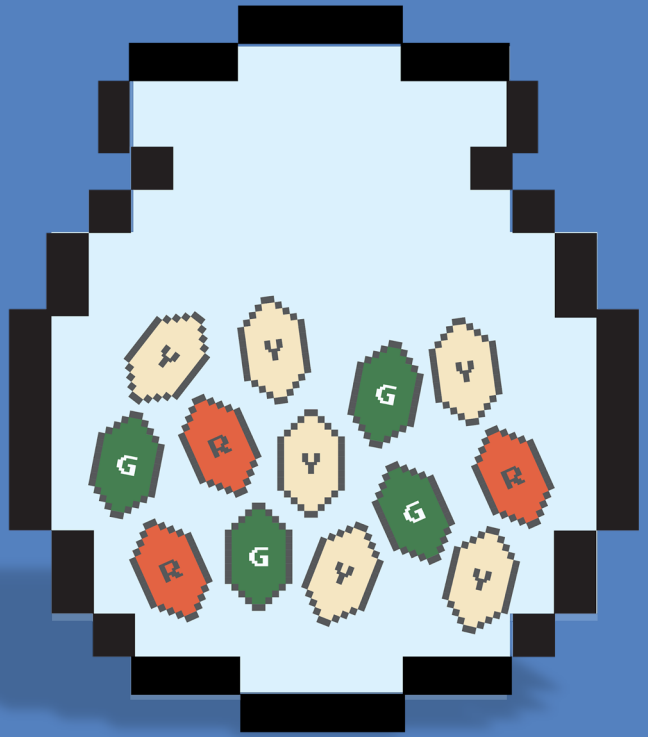

- **probability:** the likelihood an event will happen
  - example: The likelihood of drawing a yellow gem, $P(Y)$, from a bag is $6/13$.

$$P(Y) = \frac{6}{13}$$

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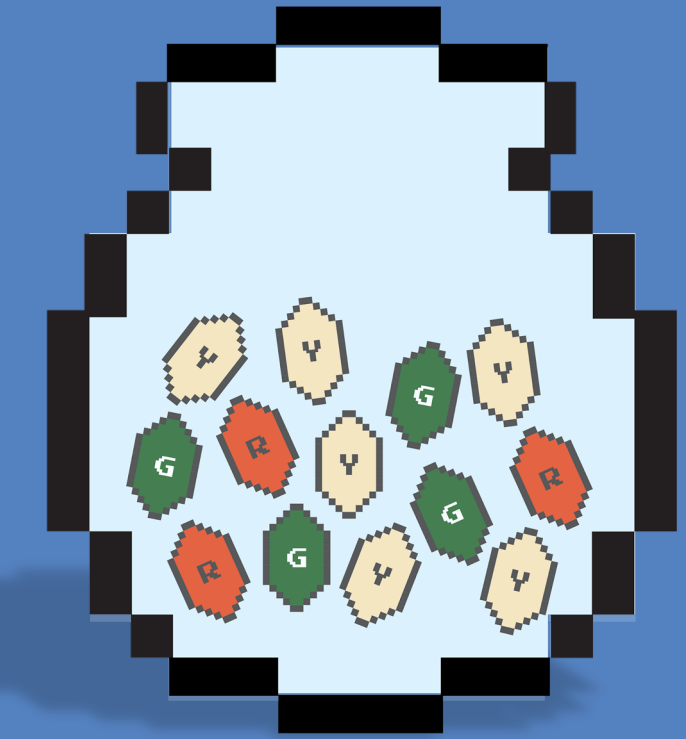
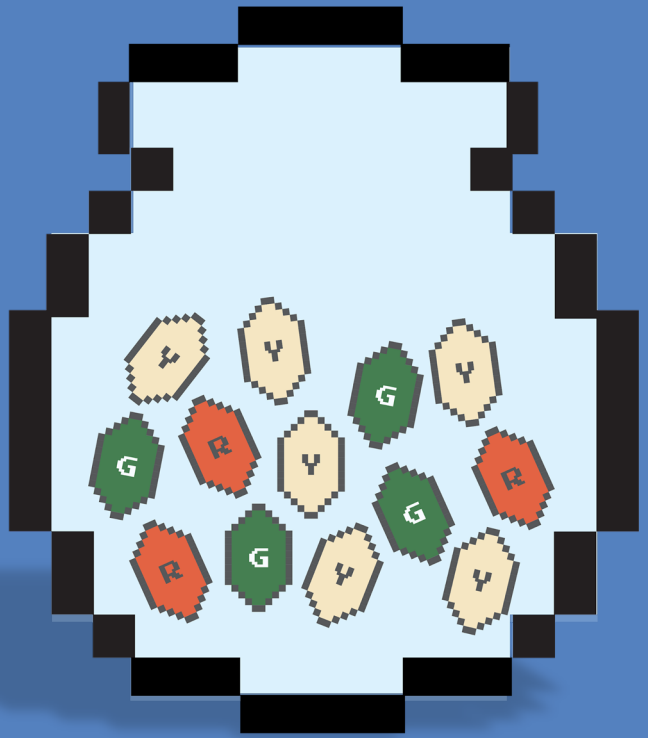
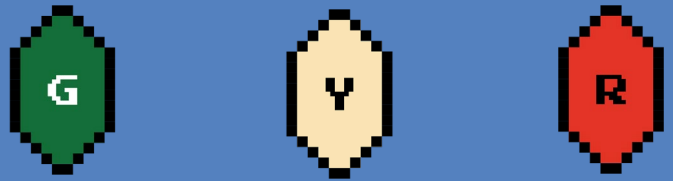


- Events are **mutually exclusive** if the events cannot occur at the same time.
  - Can you draw one gem from the bag that is both green and red? No.

Mutually Exclusive Events



- Let G = drawing a green gem from the bag.
- How many ways can each event occur? (drawing each colored gem)



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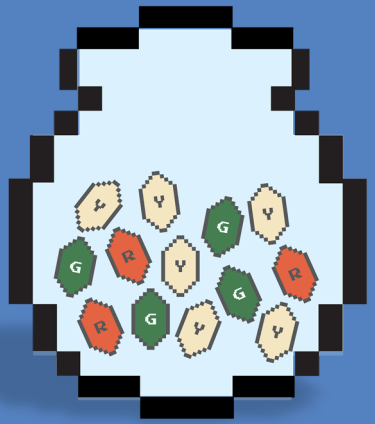

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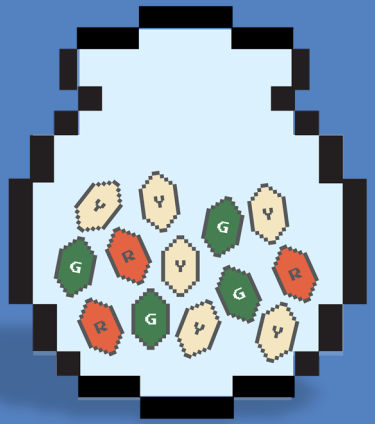

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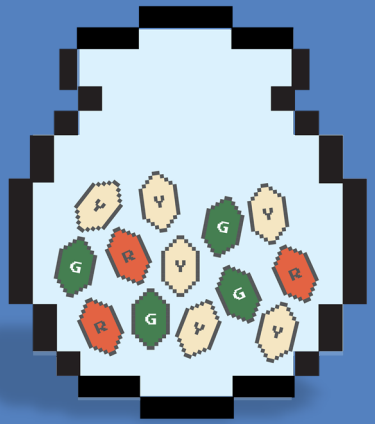

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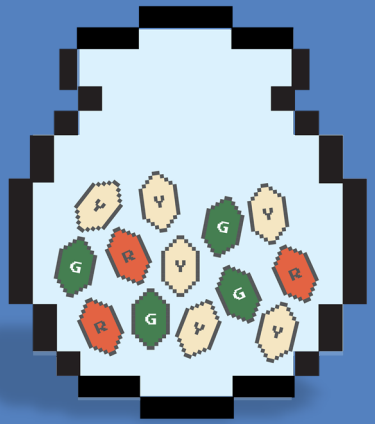

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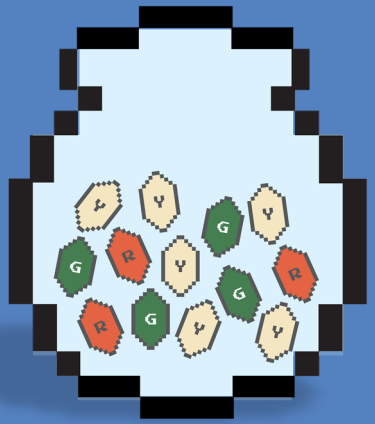

- Probability of Event A or Event B
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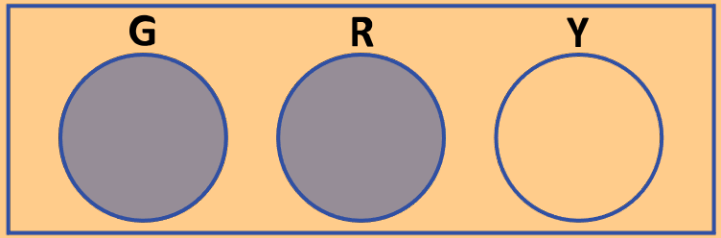
What is the probability of drawing a green *or* red gem?	$P(G \text{ or } R) =$	**Total Gems: ___** 

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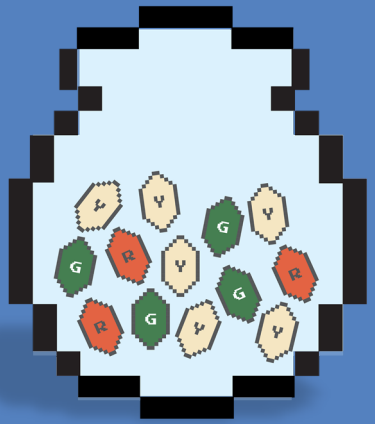

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What is the probability of drawing a green *or* red gem?	$P(G \text{ or } R) = P(G) + P(R)$ $= \frac{4}{13} + \frac{3}{13} = \frac{7}{13}$	**Total Gems:** 13 G: 4 R: 3 Y: 6

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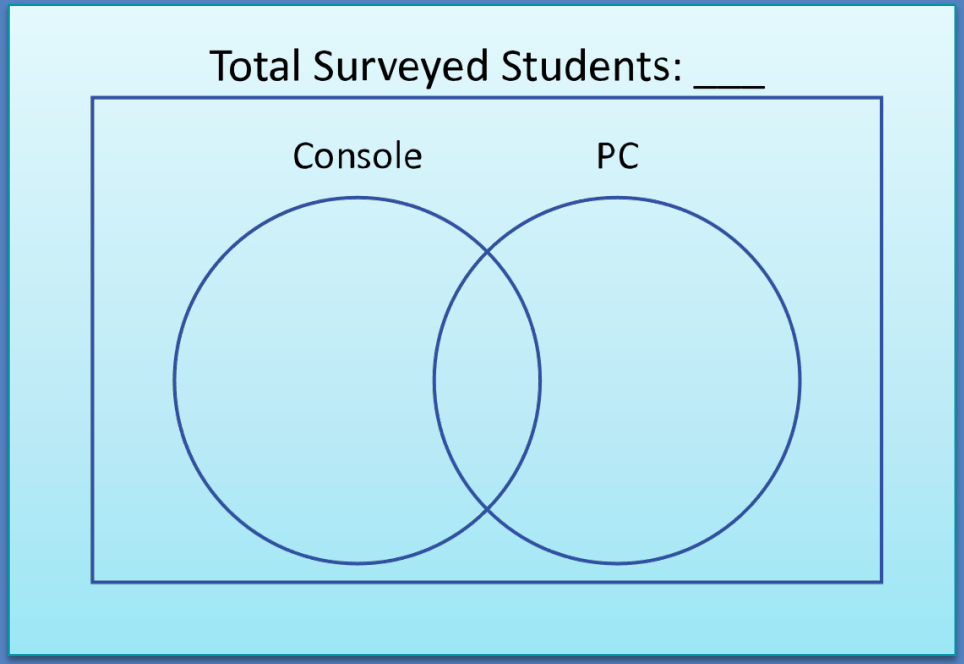

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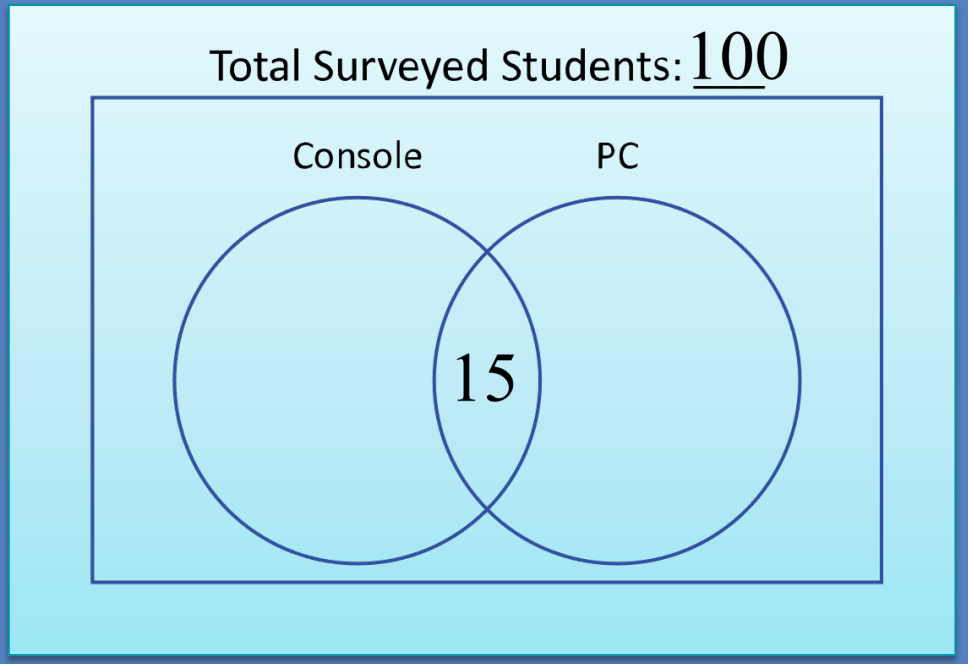

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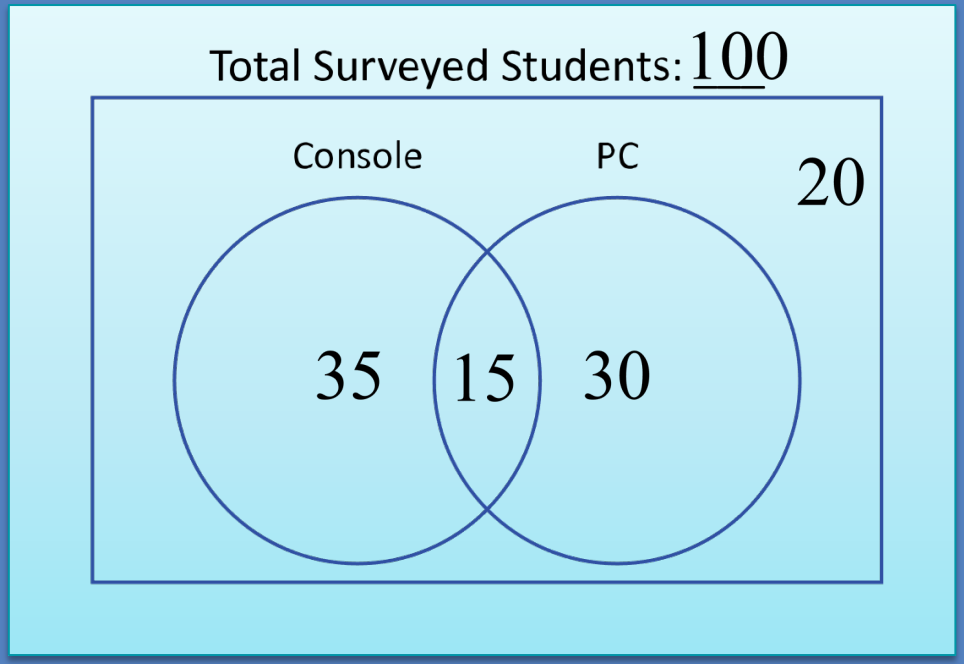

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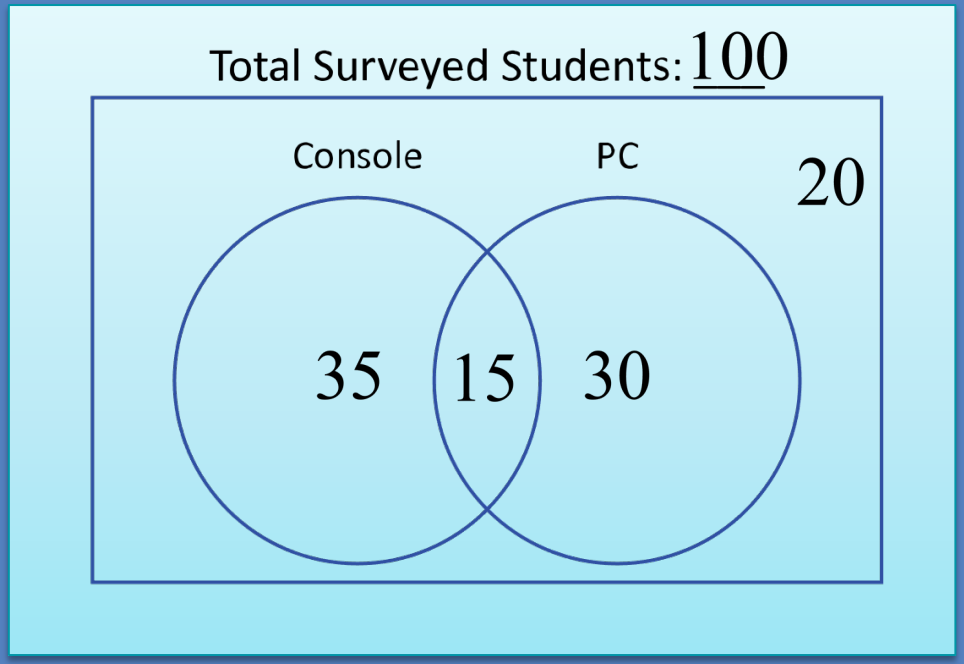
$$P(neither) = \frac{20}{100} = 0.2$$



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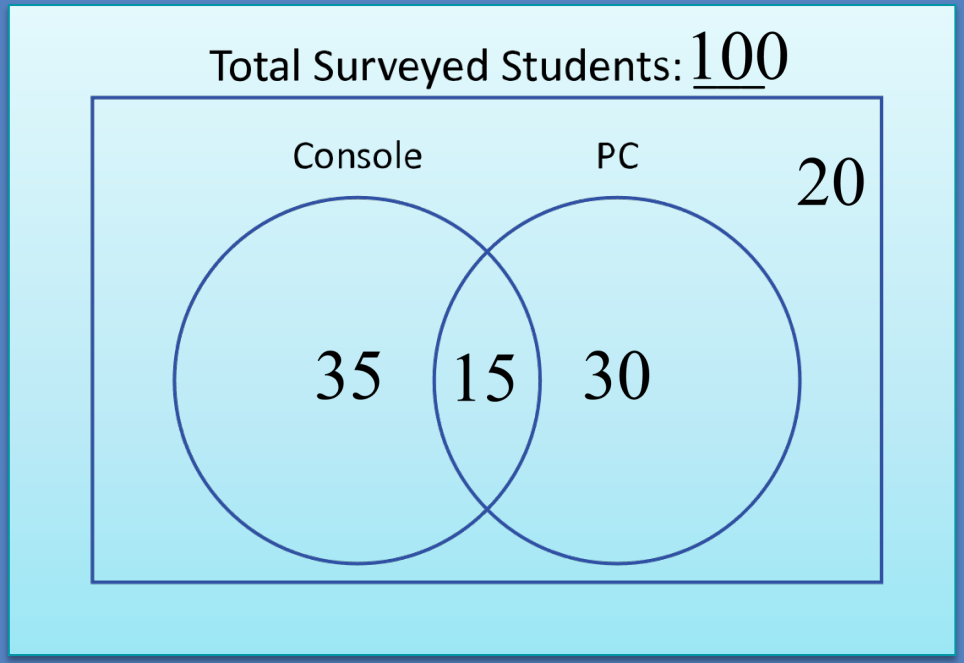
2) …probability …either …console or PC?

$$P(C \text{ or } PC) = \frac{35+15+30}{100}$$

$$= \frac{80}{100} = 0.8$$



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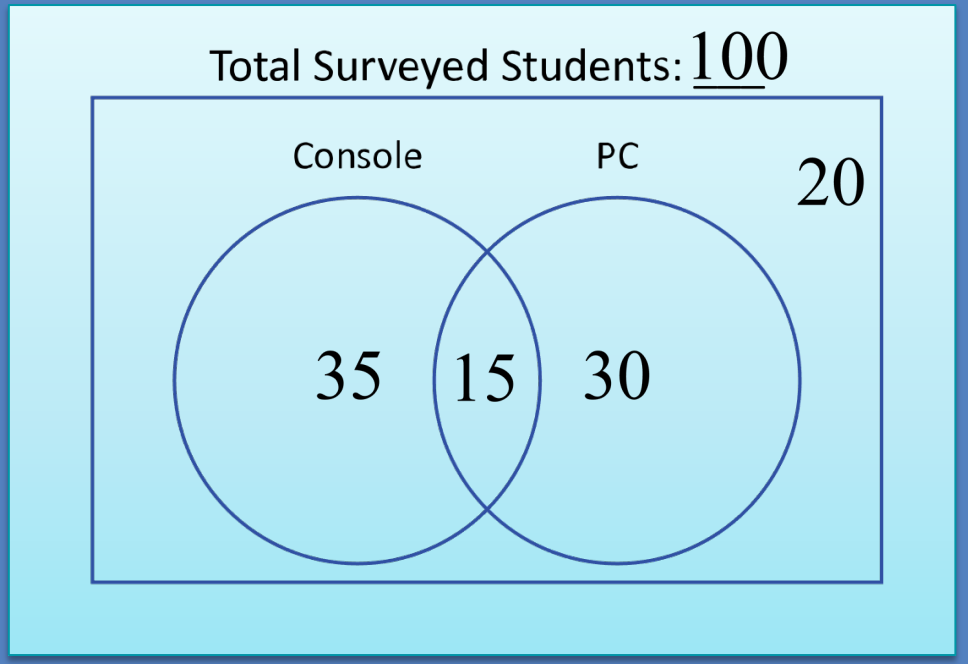
3) …probability …either console or PC, but not both?

$$P = \frac{35 + 30}{100} = \frac{65}{100} = 0.65$$



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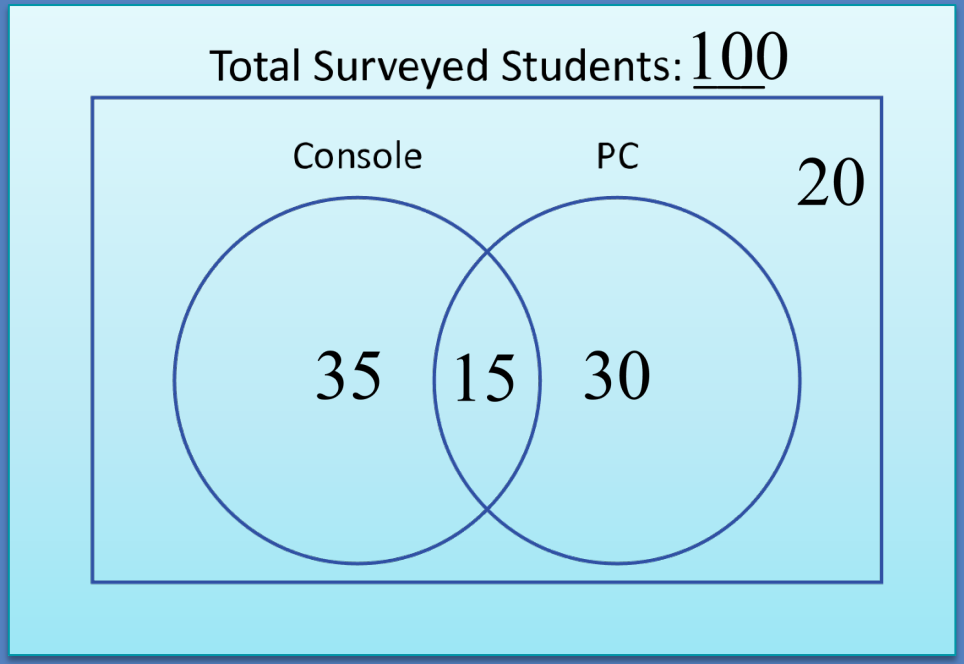
4) …probability …not …console?

$$P = \frac{30 + 20}{100} = \frac{50}{100} = 0.5$$



Test-Taking Tip

What should my final answer look like?

- Glance at the multiple-choice options:
  - Is the test asking for a decimal, a fraction, a percentage, etc.?
  - Do I need to simplify my work?

Exit Ticket

Leave your paper face down until the timer starts.

5-Minute Timer

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Exit Ticket (Answers)

1) C
2) G
3) E
4) H
5) E

Remember, it is 100% okay to not get 100% of the questions right on the ACT.

What was your percentage goal from week 1?

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Exit Ticket (Solution 1)

A jar contains 20 tokens, 2 red, 8 yellow, 4 green, and 6 blue. What is the probability of randomly selecting 1 token that is not yellow?

$$P(\text{not yellow}) = \frac{12}{20} = \boxed{\frac{3}{5}}$$

Exit Ticket (Solution 2)

A bag contains 8 blue marbles, 5 green marbles, and 9 purple marbles. How many additional blue marbles must be added to the 22 marbles already in the bag so that the probability of randomly drawing a blue marble is $\frac{3}{5}$?

$$now: P(B) = \frac{8}{22}$$

$$goal: P(B) = \frac{8+b}{22+b} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 22 + b = multiple\ of\ 5$$

$$\frac{8+(8)}{22+(8)} = \frac{16}{30} = \frac{8}{15}$$

$$\frac{8+(13)}{22+(13)} = \frac{21}{35} = \frac{3}{5}$$

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Exit Ticket (Solution 3)

The probability of Event R will occur is 0.4. The probability that Event T will occur is 0.5. Given that Events R and T are mutually exclusive, what is the probability that Event R or Event T will occur?

$$P(R \text{ or } T) = P(R) + P(T) = 0.4 + 0.5 = \boxed{0.9}$$

Exit Ticket (Solution 4)

A 52-card deck contains 4 suits: 13 hearts, 13 diamonds, 13 clubs, and 13 spades. Which of the following expressions gives the probability of drawing, at random and without replacement, a heart on the 1st draw, a club on the 2nd draw, and a heart on the third draw?

$$P(\square\ ,\ \square\ ,\ \text{then}\quad) = \frac{13}{52}\cdot\frac{13}{(52-1)}\cdot\frac{(13-1)}{(52-2)} = \frac{13}{52}\cdot\frac{13}{51}\cdot\frac{12}{50}$$

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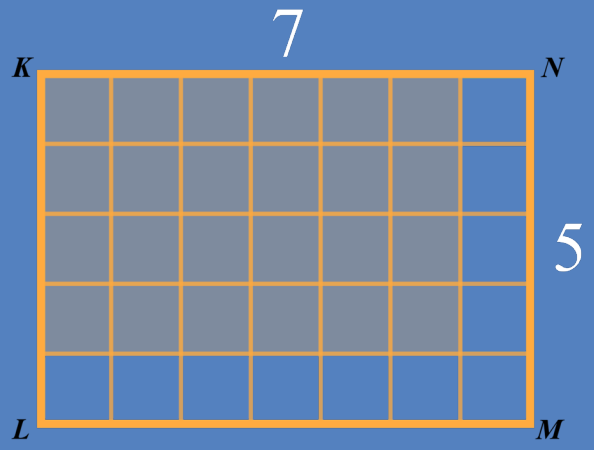
Exit Ticket (Solution 5)

In the figure, all of the small squares are equal in area, and the **area of rectangle $KLMN$ is 1 square unit**. If a ball were thrown at rectangle $KLMN$ and all of the small squares have the same probability of being hit, what is the probability of the ball hitting the shaded region?



$$P = \frac{area\ of\ shaded}{total\ area}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{6}{7}\right)\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)}{1} = \frac{24}{35}$$

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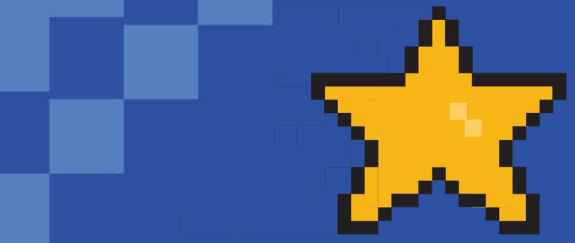

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