

# PROBABILITY

## What is probability?

**Probability** is the measure of how likely an event is.

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{\text{Total ways a specific outcome will happen}}{\text{Total number of possible outcomes}}$$

The probability of event A is the number of ways event A can occur divided by the total number of possible outcomes.

Example



**PREVIEW**

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A spinner spinning

After

The pointer

Use the formula to determine the **probability** of landing on each color:

Probabilities	$P(\text{yellow}) = \frac{\text{Number of chances to land on yellow}}{\text{total number of colors}}$	=	$\frac{1}{4}$
	$P(\text{blue}) = \frac{\text{Number of chances to land on blue}}{\text{total number of colors}}$	=	$\frac{1}{4}$
	$P(\text{green}) = \frac{\text{Number of chances to land on green}}{\text{total number of colors}}$	=	$\frac{1}{4}$
	$P(\text{red}) = \frac{\text{Number of chances to land on red}}{\text{total number of colors}}$	=	$\frac{1}{4}$

