

When an item is chosen from a group and it is NOT REPLACED before the next item is chosen, there is ONE LESS item in TOTAL and also one less OF THAT ITEM/COLOR. Form a fraction for the probability of the first choice and then **multiply** by the fraction for the probability of the second choice. Ensure that the DENOMINATOR of the second fraction is **one less** than the first. When a third item is taken without replacement, the total decreases again by one, and so on.



Eg. There are 5 red, 10 blue and 15 green marbles in a jar. What is the probability that, if two marbles are chosen at random WITHOUT replacement, that they will be: **green then blue?**

- Before a green is chosen, there are 15 green in the jar out of a total of 30. Form that fraction.
- After a green is chosen, there are still 10 blue in the jar but only 29 marbles in **total**. Form the second fraction. Multiply the two fractions.

There are $5 + 10 + 15 = 30$ marbles in total.

$$P(\text{green, blue}) = \frac{\text{green}}{\text{total}} \times \frac{\text{blue}}{\text{total}-1} = \frac{15}{30} \times \frac{10}{29} = \frac{5}{29} = 0.17$$

1. A jar consists of 20 candies. 12 are red and 8 are blue. David picked two sweets at random without replacement.

- i) _____ both are blue
- ii) _____ the first is blue and the second is red
- iii) _____ both are red
- iv) _____ the first is green and the second is red
- v) _____ both are not blue
- vi) _____ neither are red

2. If I have a bag with 8 toffees, 4 white chocolates and 6 caramels and I pick two at random without replacement, what is the probability I will pick:

- i) _____ A toffee, then a caramel
- ii) _____ Two toffees
- iii) _____ A white chocolate, then a caramel
- iv) _____ Two of the same item

3. There are 2 bags, one ball is picked from each bag: In bag 1 there are 2 blue balls, 3 pink balls, 4 orange balls and 1 green ball. In bag 2 there are 9 yellow balls, 1 red ball, 2 purple balls and 3 brown balls. What is the probability that you pick:

- i) _____ A blue ball and a yellow ball
- ii) _____ An orange ball and a red ball
- iii) _____ A pink ball and a purple ball
- iv) _____ A blue ball and a brown ball
- v) _____ A green ball and a yellow ball

4. A small box of chocolates contains 3 hard centres, 8 soft centres and 7 chewy centres. What is the probability of picking:

- i) _____ Two hard centres
- ii) _____ A hard then soft centre
- iii) _____ A soft then chewy centre
- iv) _____ A hard and chewy centre
- v) _____ Not a soft centre for both
- vi) _____ Not a soft or hard centre

5. A playing card is drawn from the pack of 52 cards. It isn't replaced, the pack shuffled and another card selected. What is the probability that:

- i) _____ The two cards are both red cards
- ii) _____ The two cards are red
- iii) _____ The two cards are both Kings
- iv) _____ The two cards are both black Aces
- v) _____ A red card then a King were chosen
- vi) _____ The two cards are not Queens