

# PROBABILITY COMPLEMENTARY EVENT

## REMEMBER!!

An event and its complement cover all possible outcomes.

**THE SUM OF THEIR PROBABILITIES MUST BE EQUAL 1**

In probability, **COMPLEMENTARY EVENTS** are events that together make up all the possible outcomes.

The complement of an event  $E$ , are all those outcomes that are *not*  $E$ , or that are the 'opposite of  $E$ '

Example:

A pack of 20 cards contains 10 red, 6 yellow and 4 green cards. One card is drawn from the pack at random. Find the probability that this card is:

a) Yellow

$$\text{Answer: } P(\text{Yellow}) = \frac{6}{20} = \frac{3}{10} \text{ (simplify your answer)}$$

b) **NOT** Yellow

$$\text{Answer: } P(\text{Not Yellow}) = 1 - \frac{3}{10} = \frac{7}{10}$$

### A. Answer all questions below.

(Give your answer in fraction and simplify to the lowest term if necessary)

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| 1) If the probability of an event is $\frac{3}{8}$ . What is the probability of its complement?  | Answer = —     |
| 2) The probability that Scott will win his next darts match is $\frac{2}{5}$ . What is the probability that he will <b>NOT</b> win?      | Answer = —     |
| 3) The probability that Reza is late for school is $\frac{4}{10}$ . What is the probability that he will <b>NOT</b> late?                | Answer = — = — |
| 4) A single 6-sided dice is rolled. What is the probability of rolling a number that is <b>NOT</b> 4?                                    | Answer = —     |
| 5) A glass jar contains 20 red marbles. If a marble is chosen at random from the jar, what is the probability that it is <b>NOT</b> red? | Answer = — = 0 |



### B. Read each question below. Select your answer by clicking on the box.

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| 1) A glass jar contains 5 red, 3 blue and 2 green jelly beans. If a jelly bean is chosen at random from the jar, what is the probability that it is <b>NOT</b> blue? | Answer         |                       |
|  | $\frac{1}{2}$  | $\frac{3}{10}$        |
|  | $\frac{7}{10}$ | None of the mentioned |
| 2) A student is chosen at random from a class of 16 girls and 14 boys. What is the probability that the student chosen is <b>NOT</b> a girl?                         | Answer         |                       |
|  | $\frac{8}{15}$ | $\frac{7}{15}$        |
|  | 1              | None of the mentioned |
| 3) A number from 1 to 5 is chosen at random. What is the probability that the number chosen is <b>NOT</b> odd?   | Answer         |                       |
|  | $\frac{2}{5}$  | $\frac{3}{5}$         |
|  | 0              | None of the mentioned |
| 4) If a number is chosen at random from the following list, what is the probability that it is <b>NOT</b> prime?<br>2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19                       | Answer         |                       |
|  | 1              | $\frac{1}{8}$         |
|  | 0              | None of the mentioned |
| 5) If a single 6-sided dice is rolled, what is the probability of rolling a number that is <b>NOT</b> 8?   | Answer         |                       |
|  | $\frac{5}{6}$  | 1                     |
|  | 0              | None of the mentioned |