

# Solutions

1. Determine the total number of arrangements of three or four toys from a basket of eight different toys.

$$\begin{array}{l} 8P_3 + 8P_4 \\ \underbrace{\quad\quad} \quad \underbrace{\quad\quad} \\ \text{choose 3} \quad \text{choose} \\ \text{from 8} \quad \text{4 from 8} \end{array} = 336 + 1680 = 2016$$

2. a) How many ways are there to roll a sum of 7 or 11 on two dice?

b) How many ways are there to roll doubles or a sum divisible by three on two dice?

a) Sum of 7 = 6 ways  $\left( \begin{array}{l} (1,6)(2,5)(3,4) \\ (4,3)(5,2)(6,1) \end{array} \right)$

Sum of 11 = 2 ways  $\left( (5,6)(6,5) \right)$

Sum 7 or 11 =  $6 + 2$   
= 8 ways

b) doubles = 6 ways

divisible by 3  $\Rightarrow$  totals of 3, 6, 9, 12

Sum of 3 = 2 ways

Sum of 6 = 5 ways

Sum of 9 = 4 ways

Sum of 12 = 1 way

} 12 ways

But  $(3,3)$  and  $(6,6)$  are in both  
sets of outcomes (non-mutually exclusive)  
So they need to be subtracted from the total.  
 $\Rightarrow n(\text{doubles}) + n(\text{divisible by 3}) - n(\text{doubles divisible by 3})$   
=  $6 + 12 - 2 = 16$  ways

3. A game has players roll either one or two standard dice. Which is the total number of possible different outcomes?

A 42

B 36

C 18

D 12

Roll one die = 6 outcomes

Roll two dice =  $6 \times 6 = 36$   
outcomes

$\Rightarrow$  Rolling one OR two =  $6 + 36$   
= 42 different outcomes

4. Which is the total number of arrangements of the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, if the even digits must not be together?

- A 120
- B 24
- C 48
- D 72**

$$\text{Total arrangements} = 5!$$

$$\text{Even together} = 2!4!$$

2,4      1,3,5 and "2,4"

$$\Rightarrow \text{Not together} = 5! - (2!4!)$$

$$= 120 - 48$$

$$= 72$$

6. **Application** A motorcycle licence plate consists of two or three letters followed by four digits. How many licence plates can be made?

26 letters available (A → Z)

10 digits available (0 → 9)

2 letters with 4 digits

$$= 26 \times 26 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$$

$$= 26^2 \times 10^4$$

$$= 6760000$$

3 letters with 4 digits

$$= 26^3 \times 10^4$$

$$= 175,760,000$$

$$\text{Total} = 6760000 + 175760000$$

$$= 182,520,000$$

7. A security code consists of either five or six different letters. How many distinct security codes are possible?

$$\begin{aligned} &5 \text{ different letters} \Rightarrow \text{no repeats} \\ &= 26 \times 25 \times 24 \times 23 \times 22 \quad \left[ \frac{26!}{21!} \right] \\ &= 7,893,600 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &6 \text{ different letters} \Rightarrow \text{no repeats} \\ &= 26 \times 25 \times 24 \times 23 \times 22 \times 21 \quad \left[ \frac{26!}{20!} \right] \\ &= 165,765,600 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total} &= 7,893,600 + 165,765,600 \\ &= 173,659,200 \end{aligned}$$