Topic: Basic Probability

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Probability	The likelihood/chance of something	
	happening.	Impossible Unlikely Even Chance Likely Certain
	Is expressed as a number between 0	y
	(impossible) and 1 (certain).	1-in-6 Chance 4-in-5 Chance
	Can be expressed as a fraction,	
	decimal, percentage or in words (likely,	
2 Probability	unlikely, even chance etc.)	D(Dad Quaan) refers to the
2. Probability Notation	P(A) refers to the probability that event A will occur.	P(Red Queen) refers to the probability of picking a Red Queen
Notation	event A win occur.	from a pack of cards.
3. Theoretical	Number of Favourable Outcomes	Probability of rolling a 4 on a fair 6-
Probability	Total Number of Possible Outcomes	sided die = $\frac{1}{6}$.
4. Relative	Number of Successful Trials	A coin is flipped 50 times and lands
Frequency	Total Number of Trials	on Tails 29 times.
		The relative frequency of getting
		Tails = $\frac{29}{50}$.
5. Expected	To find the number of expected	The probability that a football team
Outcomes	outcomes, multiply the probability	wins is 0.2 How many games would
	by the number of trials .	you expect them to win out of 40?
6. Exhaustive	Outcomes are exhaustive if they	$0.2 \times 40 = 8 games$ When rolling a six-sided die, the
o. Exhaustive	cover the entire range of possible	outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are
	outcomes.	exhaustive, because they cover all
		the possible outcomes.
	The probabilities of an exhaustive	
7. Mutually	set of outcomes adds up to 1 . Events are mutually exclusive if they	Examples of mutually exclusive
Exclusive	cannot happen at the same time.	events:
	The probabilities of an exhaustive set	- Turning left and right
	of mutually exclusive events adds up to 1.	- Heads and Tails on a coin
	up to 1.	Examples of non mutually exclusive
		events:
		- King and Hearts from a deck of
		cards, because you can pick the
		King of Hearts

8. Frequency Tree	A diagram showing how information is categorised into various categories.	Wears glasses 18 Does not wear glasses
	The numbers at the ends of branches tells us how often something happened (frequency).	Siris Wears glasses
	The lines connected the numbers are called branches .	Does not wear glasses 8
9. Sample	The set of all possible outcomes of	+ 1 2 3 4 5 6
Space	an experiment.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
		2 3 4 5 6 7 8
		3 4 5 6 7 8 9
		4 5 6 7 8 9 10
		5 6 7 8 9 10 11
		6 7 8 9 10 11 12
10. Sample	A sample is a small selection of items from a population.	A sample could be selecting 10 students from a year group at school.
	A sample is biased if individuals or groups from the population are not represented in the sample.	
11. Sample Size	The larger a sample size, the closer those probabilities will be to the true probability.	A sample size of 100 gives a more reliable result than a sample size of 10.