

**GRADE 12 ESSENTIAL
UNIT I – PROBABILITY
ODDS**

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There is more than one way to express the chance of something happening or not happening!

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{\text{\# of favourable outcomes}}{\text{\# of total possible outcomes}}$$

Odds is basically the same but instead of comparing **what you want** with what **you could get**, you are comparing **what you want** to what you **don't want!** Just that easy!

There are **two forms** of odds:

Odds in Favour of something happening;

Odds in favour =

\# of favourable outcomes : \# of unfavourable outcomes

Odds Against something happening;

Odds against =

\# of unfavourable outcomes : \# of favourable outcomes

Notice we tend to not write odds as a fraction but as a ratio with a colon symbol, :, especially to avoid confusion with the probability ratio. Or some time just the word 'to'.

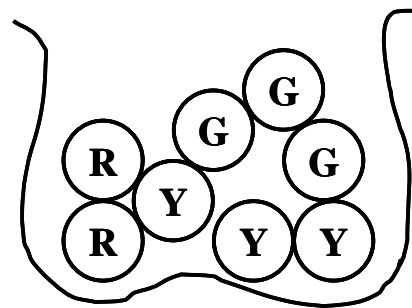
Example: If the favourable event is drawing a Green marble from the bag then:

$$\text{Prob (Green)} = \frac{3}{8} \text{ or } 0.375 \text{ or}$$

37.5%

Odds *in Favour* of Green = **3 : 5**

Odds *Against* Green = **5 : 3**



1. Kyla has four different dollies. Her favourite is Misha. There are 24 different arrangements of ways she can **line** up all the different dolls on a shelf. Six of those arrangements have Misha on the left
 - a. what is the probability that Misha is on the left?
 - b. what are the Odds *in Favour* of Misha being on the left?

we should always simplify Odds just like we do for fractions; eg: 8:2 is 4:1

2. The weather network says there is a 30% probability of rain.
 - a. what are the Odds *in Favour* of rain?
 - b. what are the Odds *Against* rain?

3. On a quiz out of **10** marks, the scores of several students were: **{ 3, 4, 6, 7, 7, 8, and 10 }**. A school inspector comes by and wants to randomly select one student's quiz. The teacher hopes the inspector picks a good one! Determine the odds in favour of a randomly selected quiz having a percentage mark greater than 50%.

9. The City of Selkirk is planning a Fun Day.
- The probability of it raining on Fun Day is **3 out of 20**. State the odds that it will **not** rain on Fun Day.
 - The Odds **For** winning a prize at Fun Day are **5 : 3**. State the **probability** of winning a prize.
 - With Odds For of **5 : 3**, your child plays 16 games; state how many prizes your child *should likely* win.

10. The **Odds Against** a certain horse to **Win** a race (as opposed to **Place** or **Show**) is listed in the race program as **8 : 5**. Determine the probability the horse will win.

*Example Entry in a Race Program: They always give the **Odds Against a Win**; it works out easier that way to calculate the 'payoff'. If the probability of losing is high (the odds **against** a win are high), then the payoff is better! In this case here, if you bet \$5, you get \$8 back if Malibu wins. Me, I bet \$2 on losers, like 20:1; then I have a 5% chance of winning \$40. Which of course is not really a win if I have to bet \$2 twenty times to maybe win \$40.*

We will learn about gambling in a lesson on EXPECTED VALUE.

Pgm #	Horse Jockey (St-W-P-S Win%) ITM%	Pedigree / Breeder / Owner / Trainer (St-W-P-S Win%) Turf Pace- <input type="checkbox"/> Speed
1 Red 8-5	Sunday in Malibu RAMON A. DOMINGUEZ (116-32-27-19 28%) 67% 2010: (121-33-27-20 27%) 66%	Ch f. 4 (Feb 28, 2006) (FTK SUM YRLG 07 \$30,000) Malibu Moon (\$30,000) (A.P. Indy) - Sunday Sonata (I) Br: Columbiana Farm (KY) Own: Country Life Farm Tr: Michael J. Trombetta (3-0-0-1 0%) 33% 2010: (46-7-4-14 15%) 54%
<i>Burnt Orange, Blue Collar, Blue Dots and Cuffs on Sleeves, Blue Cap</i>		

13Jan10 Aqu9	ft ☉	6f 23	:2302	:4774	1:1422	4↑	F S
25Nov09 Aqu4	ft	6f 70	:2326	:4730	1:1288	3↑	F S

11. Complete the blanks in the table. **Always** reduce fractions and ratios to simplest form for full marks. (use the **a b/c** button on your calculator if you have too)

Probability % Of Event Of Event	Probability of Event Fraction	Odds in Favour Of Event	Odds Against Event
20%	$\frac{20}{100} = \frac{1}{5}$	1 : 4	4 : 1
90%			
5%			
35%			
		4 : 1	
		5 to 12	
		1 : 3	
			8:1
			7:5
			4:5
	$\frac{3}{4}$		
	$\frac{5}{8}$		
<i>Make up your own couple!</i>			
<i>Optional</i>		m : n	