

Answers



- 1) A jar contains seven ping-pong balls, numbers 1 through 7. Two balls are drawn from the jar, and the ball drawn first is not replaced before the second is drawn.
- a) What is the probability that both balls have even numbers on them?
- $$P(E) = \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{6} = \frac{6}{42} = \frac{1}{7}$$
- b) What is the probability that one ball has a 5 on it?
- $$P(F) = \frac{6}{7} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{6}{42} = \frac{1}{7}$$
- 2) Assume that three playing cards are dealt from a thoroughly shuffled standard deck of cards.
- a) What is the probability that the first card is a heart?
- $$P(H) = \frac{13}{52} = \frac{1}{4}$$
- b) What is the probability that the second card is a heart?
- $$P(H) = \frac{13}{52} = \frac{1}{4}$$
- c) If the first card is accidentally turned over and seen to be a heart, what is the probability that the second card is a heart?
- $$P(H) = \frac{12}{51} = \frac{4}{17}$$
- 3) Assume that the birth rate for boys is approximately 49%. Assume further that each birth is independent of the other and that the sex of a child is a random occurrence.
- a) If a couple's first two children are boys, what is the probability that their third child will be a boy?
- $$P(B) = \frac{100}{100} \cdot \frac{100}{100} \cdot \frac{49}{100} = \frac{49}{100} = 49\%$$
- b) What is the probability that a couple's first four children will all be girls?
- $$P(G) = \frac{51}{100} \cdot \frac{51}{100} \cdot \frac{51}{100} \cdot \frac{51}{100} = 6.8\%$$
- c) If it is known that a couple's first two children are boys, what is the probability that all four of the couple's children are boys?

$$P(B) = \frac{100}{100} \frac{100}{100} \frac{49}{100} \frac{49}{100} = 24\%$$