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Here are some simple experiments. Think about them carefully and then work out the probability of the event happening.



- a) A bag contains six blue balls and four green balls. One ball is chosen without looking at its colour. What is the probability it is green?
- b) A spinner has the numbers from **1** to **20** on it. If it is spun, what is the probability of getting an even number?
- c) A spinner has the numbers from **1** to **20** on it. If it is spun, what is the probability of getting a prime number?
- d) A milkcrate contains ten red top and four silver top bottles of milk. A bird lands on one of the milk bottles. What is the probability it lands on a silver top?
- e) Twenty cards are laid out on a table. Four are green. Six are yellow. Ten are blue. A boy throws a dart at the table. If the dart hits one of the cards, what is the probability it is a yellow card?
- f) Six boys and five girls are in a lift. One of the children feels ill. What is the probability it is one of the boys?
- g) A factory has sixteen workshops. Accidents happened in three of them today. What is the probability of working in a workshop which had an accident?
- h) In a batch of **1 000** nails, twelve were faulty. If one of the nails is chosen at random, what is the probability it is a faulty one?

Now draw a probability line from 0 to 1 and put the above events on the line in the correct places.

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1. Probabilities here are given as fractions, but equivalent decimals are just as valid.

- a)** $\frac{4}{10}$ or $\frac{2}{5}$ **b)** $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{10}{20}$ **c)** $\frac{8}{20}$ or $\frac{2}{5}$ **d)** $\frac{4}{14}$ or $\frac{2}{7}$ **e)** $\frac{6}{20}$ or $\frac{3}{10}$
f) $\frac{6}{11}$ **g)** $\frac{3}{16}$ **h)** $\frac{12}{1000}$ or $\frac{3}{250}$