Grades 8 (A), 9-12 (A)
Duration: 15 min
Tools: one 16 pcs Set / pair
Individual / Pair work
Keywords: Probability, Favourable outcome, Total outcome, Conditional probability

615 - Pick three Blocks


MATHS / PROBABILITY


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## DESCRIPTION:

1. Students consider the probability of the following events if three random pieces are taken from the 16 pcs

Set without replacement:
a) the first piece is block 113.
b) the second piece is block 112, given that the first was block 113.
c) the third piece is block 111, given that the first was block 113 , and the second was block 112.
2. The first piece is block 113, the second is block 112 and the third is block 111 if three random pieces are taken from the 16 pcs Set without replacement.

SOLUTIONS/EXAMPLES:
In the 16 pcs Set there are one block 113, one block 111 and two blocks 112.

1. a) The probability of picking block 113 is $1 / 16$.
b) The probability of picking block 112 given that the first was block 113 , is $2 / 15$.
c) The probability of picking block 111 given that the first was block 113 and the second was block 112 , is 1/14.
2. The required probability is the product of the probabilities calculated above: $\frac{1}{16} \times \frac{2}{15} \times \frac{1}{14} \approx 0.000595 \approx 0.06 \%$

| How <br> many | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
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| Pieces |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE
Conditional probability
RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:
Discuss the concept of conditional probability.

