

Solutions

Algebra II Journal

Module 5: Probabilities of Compound Events

Fan Appreciation Night, Part 3

This journal belongs to:

Algebra II Journal: Reflection 1 Record your data in the two-way table below.

Answer:

Answers will vary based on the data collected. A sample is shown below:

| | Mascot Choice A | Mascot Choice B | Mascot Choice C | Total |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | Tiger | Mustang | Raven | |
| Female Freshmen | 7 | 2 | 11 | 20 |
| Male Freshman | 8 | 8 | 4 | 20 |
| Female Sophomores | 10 | 0 | 10 | 20 |
| Male Sophomores | 4 | 6 | 10 | 20 |
| Female Juniors | 12 | 6 | 2 | 20 |
| Male Juniors | 5 | 10 | 5 | 20 |
| Female Seniors | 10 | 4 | 6 | 20 |
| Male Seniors | 2 | 10 | 8 | 20 |
| Total | 58 | 46 | 56 | 160 |

Respond to the following reflection questions and submit to your teacher.

Test and Confirm

What is the probability that a randomly selected student would prefer the Mascot Choice A?

Answer:

Based on the table above, $\frac{58}{160}$.

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What is the probability that a randomly selected student is a freshman that prefers Mascot Choice B?

Answer:

Based on the table above, $\frac{10}{160}$.

What is the probability that a randomly selected student is a junior that would not prefer Mascot Choice C?

Answer:

Based on the table above, $\frac{33}{160}$.

What is the probability that a randomly selected student is a senior that would prefer Mascot Choice A or C?

Answer:

Based on the table above, $\frac{26}{160}$.

What is the probability that a randomly selected student is a female that would prefer Mascot Choice B?

Answer:

Based on the table above, $\frac{12}{160}$.

Apply the Model

Based on the data, which mascot choice would you recommend to the principal? Why?

Answer:

Answers will vary.

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Algebra II Journal: Reflection 2

In this lesson, you learned how to calculate probabilities of compound events using a two-way table. Respond to the following reflection questions and submit to your teacher.

What strategies do you use to find probabilities with a two-way table?

Answer:

Answers will vary. Look for students to use appropriate cells of the table or columns/row totals as well as the total number surveyed.

How do you calculate P(A and B) using a two-way table?

Answer:

Sample Response: To calculate P(A and B) find the intersecting cell in the table, then find the total in the sample population and divide.

How do you calculate P(A or B) using a two-way table?

Answer:

Sample Response: To calculate P(A or B) you need to find the appropriate row and/or column in the two-way table. In the example, "If one of the fans is randomly selected for the grand prize, what is the probability that this fan has already won a t-shirt **OR** a hat?" three cells were highlighted.

| Seating Sections | Number of Fans born in March | Number of Fans not born in March | Total |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Section 109 | 8 | 107 | 115 |
| Not in Section 109 | 404 | 4481 | 4885 |
| Total | 412 | 4588 | 5000 |

In general P(A or B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A and B).

Summarize your new learning for this module. What were the big ideas? Describe at least one big idea in depth.

Answer:

Answers will vary. Students should address how to use two-way tables to calculate probabilities of compound events. Students may also revisit ideas of independence, dependence, and whether events are mutually exclusive or mutually inclusive.