

Booragul Public School NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum – Statistics and Probability

Stage 2 – Chance 1			
Outcome	Teaching and Learning Activities	Notes/ Future Directions/Evaluation	Date
Stage 2 A student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › uses appropriate terminology to describe, and symbols to represent, mathematical ideas MA2-1WM › checks the accuracy of a statement and explains the reasoning used MA2-3WM › describes and compares chance events in social and experimental contexts MA2-19SP 	Language chance, experiment, outcome, random, trials, tally, expected results, actual results.		
<u>Ignition Activities</u> Musical Chairs Students play the game Musical Chairs removing one chair each time. The chance of each student getting a chair is discussed. The game is repeated with three or more chairs removed at a time and students are asked to comment on whether there is more or less chance of getting 'out' compared to the original game. <i>Variation:</i> Other games could be played where an aspect of the game is changed to affect the chance of various outcomes occurring.			

Explicit Mathematical Teaching

Students need the opportunity to conduct chance experiments, identify and describe possible outcomes, and recognise variation in results (ACMSP067)

- use the term 'outcome' to describe any possible result of a chance experiment
- predict and list all possible outcomes in a chance experiment, eg list the outcomes when three pegs are randomly selected from a bag containing an equal number of pegs of two colours
- predict and record all possible combinations in a chance situation, eg list all possible outfits when choosing from three different T-shirts and two different pairs of shorts
- predict the number of times each outcome should occur in a chance experiment involving a set number of trials, carry out the experiment, and compare the predicted and actual results
- ▮ keep a tally and graph the results of a chance experiment (Communicating)
- ▮ explain any differences between expected results and actual results in a chance experiment (Communicating, Reasoning)
- ▮ make statements that acknowledge 'randomness' in a situation, eg 'The spinner could stop on any colour' (Communicating, Reasoning)
- ▮ repeat a chance experiment several times and discuss why the results vary (Communicating)

Random generators include dice, coins and spinners.

Whole Class Teaching Activities

Expected Result

Students are asked to predict the result of 10 tosses of a coin.

Possible questions include:

- what outcomes can occur when the coin is tossed once?
- what is the likelihood of tossing 'tails' on any one toss?
- how many 'heads' and 'tails' do you expect there to be?
- did the expected result and the actual result match?
- did tossing 'tails' on the previous toss increase the likelihood of tossing 'tails' on the next toss? Why?
- which outcome, 'heads' or 'tails', is more likely?

Students are encouraged to suggest how the experiment could be improved and implement their plan.

This activity could be extended to tossing two coins.

With their tally students are to graph their results.

Fair Game?

Students play games such as Snakes and Ladders, Heads Down/Thumbs Up, or outdoor games such as Statues.

Students are asked if they think the game played is a fair game or not. Students are encouraged to justify their answers and to associate the idea of fairness with the idea that everyone has an equal chance to win. This activity could be extended to playing a game designed to be obviously unfair in order to stimulate discussion.

<p>Is it fair?</p> <p>The class is organised into four teams. Each team is allocated a colour name: red, blue, green or yellow. The teacher has a bag of counters composed of 10 red, 5 blue, 4 green and 1 yellow. The students are told that there are twenty counters and that each colour is represented in the bag. The composition of counters is not revealed to the students. The teacher draws a counter from the bag and a point is given to the team with the corresponding colour. The counter is then returned to the bag and the process is repeated for twenty draws.</p> <p>Individually, the students are then asked to predict the composition of coloured counters in the bag, explain their prediction and state whether the game is fair.</p> <p>Possible questions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what happens if one colour is not included? • have you tried using a diagram to help you with your predictions? • what are some possible explanations? • how will you know if your generalisations are reasonable? <p>Students are then told the composition of colours in the bag and are asked to name the colours most and least likely to be drawn out.</p>		
<p>Tossed Fruit Salad</p> <p>The teacher labels a large die with three faces displaying an apple, two faces displaying a banana and one face displaying an orange, and shows the die to the class.</p> <p>Students are asked to order the fruits from least likely to most likely to be rolled.</p> <p>After a number of rolls, the students compare the results with their predictions. Students discuss whether their predictions were supported by their experiment and explain the differences between expected results and actual results in this simple chance experiment.</p> <p>Possible questions include:</p> <p>how can we change the labels on the die so that the orange is most likely to be rolled?</p> <p>The labels are then changed accordingly, and the die rolled a number of times to compare the results with the students' predictions. Students are encouraged to make other suggestions about altering the labels to change the outcomes and these suggestions are tested.</p>		
<p>Combination Dressing</p> <p>Students are told that they will be given three t-shirts and two pairs of trousers and are asked to predict how many different combinations of clothes they could make from them. They work out a strategy and follow it to calculate the number of combinations and compare the results to their predictions.</p>		
<p><u>Guided Group/Independent Activities</u></p> <p>Pegs</p> <p>In groups, students are given a bucket of pegs. The bucket could have 10 blue and 10 yellow pegs. Students are asked to sort and count the pegs and then return them to the bucket. Students are asked to predict all possible combinations of pegs if two pegs are randomly taken from the bucket. They select one possible combination and, without looking, take two pegs out of the bucket. They see if the actual result matches their predicted result and discuss. Students repeat the selection several times returning the pegs</p>		

<p>to the bucket after recording their selection. They write a description of the activity explaining their observations. This should be repeated at least 3 times and discuss why the results vary.</p>		
<p>Sample Bags Students place four counters or blocks (eg three blue and one white) into a bag. The teacher discusses with the students the chance of drawing out a blue block. Possible questions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ would you have a good chance or a poor chance of drawing out a blue block? Why? ■ what colour block is most likely to be drawn out? Why? Students could trial their predictions by drawing a block out of the bag a number of times, recording the colour and replacing the block each time. Students discuss their findings. The colours are then swapped to three white blocks and one blue block. The teacher discusses with the students the chance of drawing out a blue block from this new group. Possible questions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ would you have a good chance or a poor chance of drawing out a blue block? Why? ■ what colour block is most likely to be drawn out? Why? Students complete a number of trials and discuss the results. Students are encouraged to make summary statements eg 'If there are lots of blue blocks you have a good chance of getting a blue block.'</p>		
<p>Take-away Dice In pairs, students play the following game to investigate the concept of fairness. In turns, they throw two dice and subtract the smaller number from the larger, they calculate $6 - 4 = 2$. Player A scores a point if the answer is 0, 1, or 2. Player B scores a point if the answer is 3, 4, or 5. Students play the game and are asked to comment on whether the game is fair and why. Students are asked how the rules of the game could be changed to make the game fairer and how they could be changed so it is impossible for one student to lose.</p>		
<p>Removing Counters Students make a game board containing the numbers 1 to 12. In pairs, each student is given 12 counters to place on any of the numbers on their game board. Students can choose to place more than one counter on particular numbers and no counters on others. Students take turns to roll and add two dice. If they have placed counters on the total obtained, they remove them. The first player to remove all their counters from their game board wins. Students discuss the likelihood of rolling certain totals. <i>Variation:</i> Students create game boards on the computer.</p>		
<p><u>Previous NAPLAN Questions</u> Year 3-2008</p>		

34 Tara spins these arrows.

Which arrow has the best chance of landing in a section with the number 3?

Shade one bubble.



Year 5-2008

18 Lee takes one ball out of his bucket without looking.

It is very likely, but not certain, that he will get a black ball.

Which is Lee's bucket?



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Planned Assessment

Pre Assessment

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Board of Studies-Assessment Resource Centre(ARC) – Stage 2 Maths “Is it fair?” AssessmentActivity

