

Probability Application Questions

1. Use Pascal's Triangle to determine the probability of:
 - a. Getting exactly four heads with 6 coin tosses?

 - b. Getting exactly one tail with 5 coin tosses?

 - c. Getting at least two heads with 4 coin tosses?

2. A teacher has 12 students in a class and wants to divide the class into groups. Use Pascal's Triangle to determine:
 - a. How many different groups of two can there be?

 - b. How many different groups of three can there be?

 - c. How many different groups of four can there be?

3. List the different outcomes possible in an experiment where a coin is flipped and dice is rolled. What is the total number of possible outcomes? Is it possible to determine the total number of possible outcomes mathematically?

4. A jeweler makes necklaces using three different precious stones.
 - a. How many different kinds of necklaces could the jeweler make if he has three pearls, four rubies, five emeralds and two sapphires?

 - b. What is the probability of the jeweler making a necklace which only has pearls and sapphires? (Hint: Think of there being only two possible outcome and use Pascal's Triangle.)