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## Estimating Probabilities Using Data

**Directions:** Use the data chart below to answer the questions that follow. Express your answers as a fraction, decimal, or a percent. Round all of your decimal answers to the thousandths decimal place and all of your percent answers to the nearest tenth of a percent.

**DATA:** Moira randomly selected gummy worms from a jar.  
The table below shows the number of each flavor of gummy worms in the jar.



Flavor	Cherry	Raspberry	Lemon	Lime	Grape	Watermelon
Number	15	12	8	8	17	10

If Moira were to randomly select one gummy worm from the jar...

- 1.) What is the estimate for the probability of her selecting a watermelon gummy worm from the jar?
- 2.) What is the estimate for the probability of selecting a cherry gummy worm from the jar?
- 3.) What is the estimate for the probability of selecting a lemon *or* lime gummy worm from the jar?
- 4.) What is the estimate for the probability of selecting a non-watermelon gummy worm from the jar?
- 5.) What is the estimate for the probability of selecting a pineapple gummy worm from the jar?
- 6.) Which flavor of gummy worm is most likely to be selected?
- 7.) Which event is **least** likely to occur? Circle your answer.  
**Event A:** Selecting a lemon, lime, *or* raspberry gummy worm.  
**Event B:** Selecting a cherry *or* grape gummy worm.  
**Event C:** Selecting a watermelon *or* a raspberry gummy worm.
- 8.) If 30 pineapple gummy worms were added to the jar, what would happen to the probability of selecting a cherry gummy worm? Explain your answer.

**ANSWER KEY**

1.) What is the estimate for the probability of her selecting a watermelon gummy worm from the jar?

$$\frac{10}{70} \text{ or } \frac{1}{7} \text{ or } 0.143 \text{ or } 14.3\%$$

2.) What is the estimate for the probability of selecting a cherry gummy worm from the jar?

$$\frac{15}{70} \text{ or } \frac{3}{14} \text{ or } 0.214 \text{ or } 21.4\%$$

3.) What is the estimate for the probability of selecting a lemon or lime gummy worm from the jar?

$$\frac{16}{70} \text{ or } \frac{8}{35} \text{ or } 0.229 \text{ or } 22.9\%$$

4.) What is the estimate for the probability of selecting a non-watermelon gummy worm from the jar?

$$\frac{60}{70} \text{ or } \frac{6}{7} \text{ or } 0.857 \text{ or } 85.7\%$$

5.) What is the estimate for the probability of selecting a pineapple gummy worm from the jar?

$$\frac{0}{70} \text{ or } 0 \text{ or } 0\%$$

6.) Which flavor of gummy worm is most likely to be selected?

**Grape**

7.) Which event is **least** likely to occur? Circle your answer.

**Event A:** Selecting a lemon, lime, or raspberry gummy worm.  $\frac{28}{70}$

**Event B:** Selecting a cherry or grape gummy worm.  $\frac{32}{70}$

**Event C:** Selecting a watermelon or a raspberry gummy worm.  $\frac{22}{70}$

8.) If 30 pineapple gummy worms were added to the jar, what would happen to the probability of selecting a cherry gummy worm? Explain your answer.

**The probability of selecting a cherry gummy worm would decrease from  $\frac{15}{70}$  to  $\frac{15}{100}$  (or from 21.4% to 15%).  
Explanations will vary.**