

## Practice 9-2

## Experimental Probability

Suppose you observe the color of socks worn by students in your class: 12 have white, 4 have black, 3 have blue, and 1 has red. Find each experimental probability as a fraction in simplest form.

1.  $P(\text{white})$  \_\_\_\_\_      2.  $P(\text{red})$  \_\_\_\_\_      3.  $P(\text{blue})$  \_\_\_\_\_  
 4.  $P(\text{black})$  \_\_\_\_\_      5.  $P(\text{yellow})$  \_\_\_\_\_      6.  $P(\text{black or red})$  \_\_\_\_\_

Use the data in the table at the right for Exercises 7–12. Find each experimental probability as a percent.

7.  $P(\text{fruit})$  \_\_\_\_\_      8.  $P(\text{granola})$  \_\_\_\_\_  
 9.  $P(\text{pretzels})$  \_\_\_\_\_      10.  $P(\text{carrots})$  \_\_\_\_\_  
 11.  $P(\text{not fruit})$  \_\_\_\_\_      12.  $P(\text{granola or chips})$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Favorite Snack Survey Results**

Snack	Number of Students
Fruit	8
Granola	2
Pretzels	3
Chips	7
Carrots	5

13. Do an experiment to find the probability that a word chosen randomly in a book is the word *the*. How many words did you look at to find  $P(\text{the})$ ? What is  $P(\text{the})$ ?

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14. Suppose the following is the result of tossing a coin 5 times:

heads, tails, heads, tails, heads

What is the experimental probability for heads?

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### Solve.

15. The probability that a twelve-year-old has a brother or sister is 25%. Suppose you survey 300 twelve-year-olds. About how many do you think will have a brother or sister? \_\_\_\_\_
16. a. A quality control inspector found flaws in 13 out of 150 sweaters. Find the probability that a sweater has a flaw. Round to the nearest tenth of a percent. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Suppose the company produces 500 sweaters a day. How many will not have flaws? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Suppose the company produces 600 sweaters a day. How many will have flaws? \_\_\_\_\_