

10.5 Combinations

Combinations:

- a selection of r objects form a group of n objects where the order **is not** important
- ORDER DOES NOT MATTER
- Objects **CANNOT** be repeated
- These are different from a Permutation bc in a Permutation, order matters!

In the calculator, type: ${}_n C_r$

ALWAYS Ask yourself..... can the object be repeated?

- Yes : Use Fundamental Counting Principal
- No: Use a Permutation or a Combination – see next question

ALWAYS Ask yourself..... does the order matter?

- Yes : Permutation
- No: Combination

Examples:

1. Jamal, Kay, Li, and Max have volunteered to help a nonprofit organization build houses. Three of the 4 will be assigned to work as painters. How many choices are there for the 3 painters? List the possibilities.
2. At CB East, there are 13 math teachers. If 4 teachers will be selected to work together to create a new Algebra 2 Final Exam, how many choices are possible?
3. For summer reading, you are asked to read 2 books from a list of 6 books. How many different pairs of books can you choose to read?
4. Twelve students enter a talent show. Awards are given for the first place through fifth place. In how many ways can the students finish first through fifth?
5. In how many ways can a soccer team choose 2 captains from 12 players?

6. There are 3 girls and 2 boys. You want to select a group of 3 students with exactly 2 girls and 1 boy. How many ways are there?
7. How many ways can you choose 3 dogs and 2 cats from 5 dogs and 6 cats?

Standard Deck of Playing Cards:

- 52 cards
- 26 red, 26 black
- 4 suits (diamonds, hearts, spades, clubs)
- 13 cards in each suit
- 12 total face cards (4 Jacks, 4 Queens, 4 Kings)
- 4 of each card (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A)



When choosing a hand of cards, the order in which the cards are dealt is never important.

8. Consider a standard deck of 52 playing cards. The order in which the cards are dealt for a “hand” does not matter.
- a) How many different 5-card hands are possible?
 - b) How many different 5-card hands have all 5 cards of a single suit?
 - c) How many different 5-card hands have all 5 cards of a single color?
9. How many ways can you make a 3-topping pizza if you have 12 toppings to choose from?
10. How many ways can you pick a starting 5-person basketball squad from 11 kids?
11. How many ways can 10 people be selected to attend a concert from 40 possible people?
12. From a group of 6 guys and 5 girls, How many groups of 3 guys and 3 girls can be formed?
13. How many ways can 3 people finish in the top 3 of a race out of 50 people? All top three finishers get the same prize.
14. How many ways out of 50 people can the runners finish 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in a race? 1st place gets \$100, 2nd place gets \$50, and 3rd place gets \$25.

15. A restaurant serves omelets that can be ordered with any of the ingredients shown. Suppose you want exactly 2 vegetarian ingredients and 1 meat ingredient in your omelet. How many different types of omelets can you order?

Omelets \$3.00 (plus \$.50 for each ingredient)	
Vegetarian	Meat
green pepper	ham
red pepper	bacon
onion	sausage
mushroom	steak
tomato	
cheese	

16. Determine whether each situation involves a permutation or a combination.

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| a) 3-letter pattern, chosen from the letters in the word statistics | P | or | C |
| b) a hand of 5 cards from a deck of cards | P | or | C |
| c) a team of 5 people chosen from a group of 12 people | P | or | C |
| d) the batting order of the Philadelphia Phillies | P | or | C |
| e) putting students in assigned seats | P | or | C |

Keywords:

Permutation:

No Repeats and ORDER MATTERS

Combination:

No repeats and ORDER DOES NOT MATTER

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In Exercises 8 and 9, tell whether the question can be answered using a *permutation* or a *combination*. Then find the answer.

8. **Video Clips** You are going to send 3 video clips to a friend as attachments to an e-mail. How many different groups of 3 video clips can you choose from 7 video clips?
9. **Vacations** You wanted to see 7 tourist sites on your vacation, but decide you have time to see only 4. In how many orders can you visit 4 of the 7 sites?
10. **Movies** How many different groups of 2 comedies and 1 drama can you select from 6 comedies and 5 dramas?

Pizza In Exercises 11–13, use the following information.

You are ordering pizza for a birthday party. You plan to choose 2 toppings from 5 available toppings: pepperoni (p), hamburger (h), mushrooms (m), olives (o), and roasted peppers (r).

11. Use an ordered list to find all possible pairs of toppings.
 12. How many different choices of 2 toppings do you have?
 13. When you place your order, you learn that extra cheese is also an available topping. How many different choices of 2 toppings do you have now?
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22. **Dance Groups** A choreographer needs 4 dancers to perform a work. How many different combinations of 4 dancers can the choreographer choose from a dance company consisting of 9 dancers?
 23. **Entertainment** A comedian begins a routine by choosing 4 people from the audience. How many different groups of 4 people can the comedian choose from an audience of 50 people?

Permutations and Combinations In Exercises 24–27, tell whether the question can be answered using a *permutation* or a *combination*. Then find the answer.

24. **Track** In a 4 by 100 meter relay race, a different runner runs each of the four successive 100 meter “legs” of the race. In how many ways can 4 from a group of 8 runners be assigned to run the legs of the race?
26. **Kentucky Derby** Twenty horses competed in the 2006 Kentucky Derby. In how many ways could the horses have finished in first place through third place?
27. **Work Groups** Your teacher divides the class into groups of 5 for an activity. How many possibilities are there for the group that contains you if there are 25 students in the class in all? (*Hint*: How many remain to be chosen?)
28. **Menus** Planners for a company party will choose 2 of 4 vegetarian entrees and 3 of 6 meat entrees for the buffet. How many entree combinations are possible?

49. **Multiple Choice** In how many ways can you choose 3 fish from 15?

(A) 0 (B) 220 (C) 455 (D) 2730

52. **Permutations** Ten bands are marching in a parade. In how many ways can you order (a) all 10 bands (b) the first 3 of the 10 bands? (*Lesson 10.4*)

In Exercises 11–13, tell whether the number of possibilities can be found using a *permutation* or a *combination*. Then find the answer.

11. **Amusement Parks** An amusement park ride seats 4 people in a row. In how many ways can you and 3 friends be seated on the ride?
12. **Concerts** At an all-day concert, 12 bands are performing on the main stage. How many different possibilities are there of 4 of the bands that you can see?
13. **Game Show** A contestant on a game show has to choose 3 cases to open from 5 cases. How many possibilities are there for which cases to open?