

Algebra 2-9/2-10: Counting Principle & Factorials

Warm-Up

1. You have blue shorts and pink shorts. You also have a white shirt and a green shirt. Assuming you must wear a shirt and shorts, list the different combinations.

B P W G
 BW, BG
 PG, PW

$$2 \cdot 2 = \underline{4}$$

How many different combinations are there? 4

2. What is $5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$?

120 or $5!$ (5 factorial)

3. Solve & check.

a. $3.65 = -x$

$$\frac{3.65}{-1} = \frac{-1x}{-1}$$

$$\boxed{-3.65 = x}$$

b. $4.86 = 0y$

$$\frac{0}{0} = \frac{0y}{0}$$

No
Solution .

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c. $\frac{4}{3}x = 12$

$$\frac{4}{3}x = 12 \cdot \frac{3}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{48}{3} = \textcircled{16}$$

Vocabulary	Definition	Example
Counting Principle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - method to figure out how many choices you have - How many choices do you have? (Draw <u>Blanks</u>) - How many ways do you have for each choice? (put # on <u>blank</u>) - <u>Multiply</u> 	<p>You can wear jeans or khakis, a red, blue, or teal shirt, and brown or black shoes. How many different combinations do you have (assuming you have to wear pants, a shirt, and shoes)?</p> <p><u>2</u> · <u>3</u> · <u>2</u> <u>pants</u> <u>shirts</u> <u>shoes</u></p> <p>12 options</p>
Tree-Diagram	<p>helps visualize your choices</p> <p>Jeans (6) Khakis (6)</p> <p>B Br B Br B Br B Br</p>	
Factorial	<p>!</p> <p>$10! = 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 3,628,800$</p>	
Permutation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each item is only used <u>once</u>! • Letters, names, or objects in a specific order 	<p>A basketball coach is announcing the starting 5 players. How many different orders could he possibly name the 5 starters?</p>
<p>order matters</p>		<p><u>5</u> · <u>4</u> · <u>3</u> · <u>2</u> · <u>1</u></p> <p>120 ways</p>

Example Problems

1. You are going to the movies. There are 2 movies showing. You can choose popcorn, soda, candy, or a pretzel as a snack. You can sit in the front or the back of the theater. How many different combinations are possible?

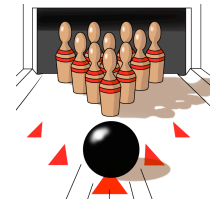
$$\frac{2}{\text{movies}} \cdot \frac{4}{\text{snacks}} \cdot \frac{2}{\text{sit}} = 16 \text{ combinations}$$



2. If there are 4 bowlers bowling, in how many different orders can the bowlers bowl?

$$\underline{4} \cdot \underline{3} \cdot \underline{2} \cdot \underline{1} = \boxed{24 \text{ options}}$$

or $4!$



3. Simplify. $\frac{6!}{4!} = \frac{6 \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 1}{\cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 1}$

$$= 6 \cdot 5$$

$$= \boxed{30}$$

4. Simplify. $\frac{55!}{53!} = \frac{55 \cdot \cancel{54} \cdot \cancel{53}!}{\cancel{53}!}$

$$= 55 \cdot 54$$

$$= \boxed{2970}$$

$$\frac{2 \cdot 9}{7-11}$$

$$\frac{2 \cdot 10}{3-5}, 12-18 a, b, 20-22$$

$$7. \underline{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} \cdot \underline{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} \text{ ----- } \underline{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}$$

a) $2^{20} = 1,048,576$

$$2^{[4^x]} 20$$

b) $\frac{1}{1,048,576}$

$$2^{[1]} 20$$

8. a) $\underline{x \cdot x \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}$

b) $x^2 \cdot 2^3$

9 $\underline{g \cdot g \cdot g \cdot g \cdot g} \cdot \underline{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}$

$$g^5 \cdot 2^5 = 32g^5$$

10 $\underline{\quad} \text{ ----- } \underline{\quad}$

a) only 2 (wank)

b) 26 letters

c) $\underline{2} \cdot \underline{26} \cdot \underline{26} \cdot \underline{26}$

$(35,152)$

