

# Lesson 6-2

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## Theoretical Probability of Compound Events

Q How do you find the theoretical probability of a compound event?

A. Write the \_\_\_\_\_ of the number of ways the event can \_\_\_\_\_ to the total number of \_\_\_\_\_ outcomes.

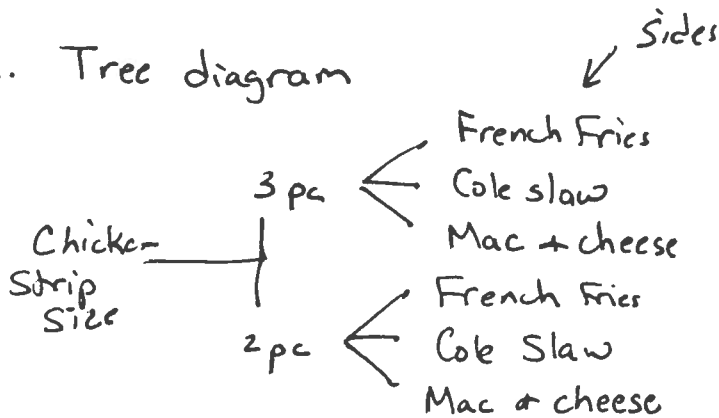
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2. Tree diagram



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3. List see example on pg 195

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**Theoretical Probability of Compound Events**

*Reading Strategies: Choose a Strategy*

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*Success for English Learners*

**Problem 1**

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M	M-C	M-GO	<del>M-M</del>	<del>M-O</del>	<del>M-P</del>	<del>M-T</del>
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The pizza must have 2 different toppings. Cross out doubles.

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There are 15 unique combinations of 2-topping pizzas.

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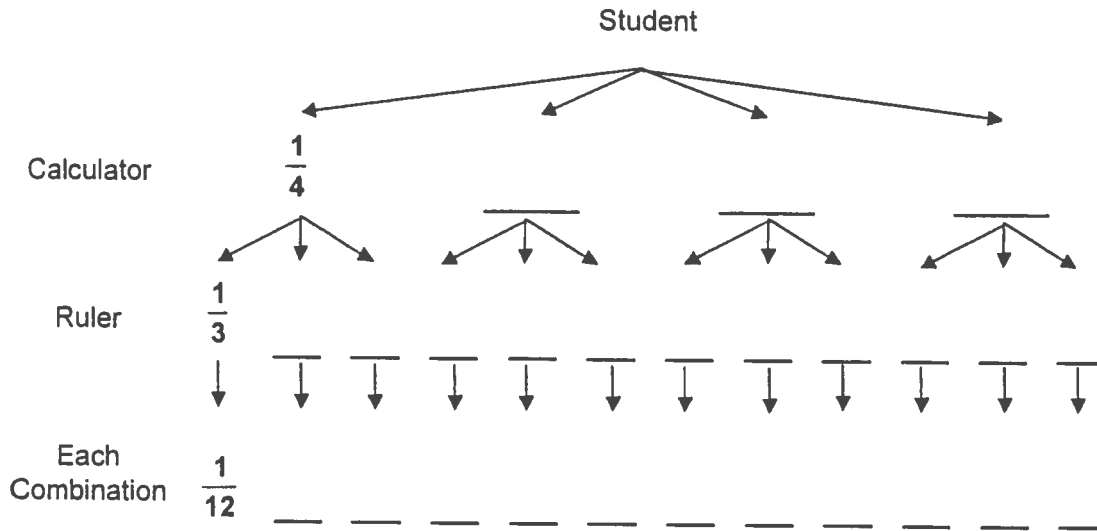
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*Practice and Problem Solving: D*

**Solve.**

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Use the tree diagram to complete Exercises 2–4.

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*Practice and Problem Solving: A/B*

Use the table of probabilities to answer questions 1–3.

	Burrito	Taco	Wrap
Cheese	$P = \frac{1}{9}$	$P = \frac{1}{9}$	$P = \frac{1}{9}$
Salsa	$P = \frac{1}{9}$	$P = \frac{1}{9}$	$P = \frac{1}{9}$
Veggie	$P = \frac{1}{9}$	$P = \frac{1}{9}$	$P = \frac{1}{9}$

- List the members of the sample space that include a taco.  
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- What is the probability of choosing a burrito with cheese and a taco or a wrap with salsa? Explain.  
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Use the information below to answer questions 4–6.

A basket of 40 pairs of pliers at a discount hardware store includes 5 pairs of 6-inch pliers. A second basket contains 20 hammers, including 3 large hammers.

- What is the probability of drawing a 6-inch pair of pliers from the first basket without looking? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the probability of not drawing a large hammer from the second basket without looking? \_\_\_\_\_
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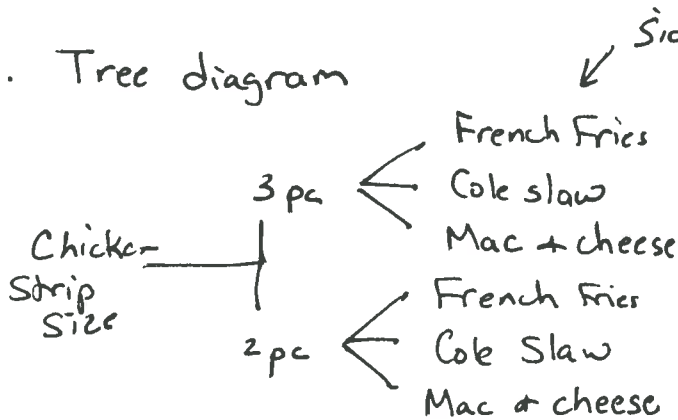
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Tree there are 3 events pants, shirt, scarf each with 2 possible outcomes

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Use a table

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*Tree diagram*

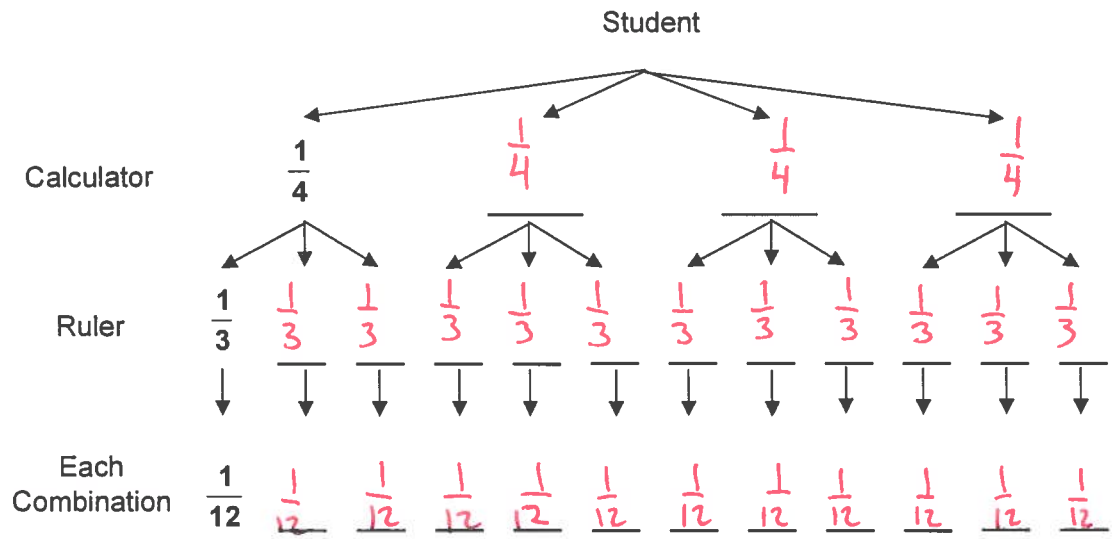


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3. What is the probability of receiving each ruler?  $\frac{1}{3}$
4. What is the probability of receiving a certain combination of calculator and ruler? Show how this probability is calculated.  $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{12}$

**Solve. The first one is done for you.**

5. Two students are playing a game with a quarter and a spinner that is divided into equal sixths, with the sections numbered 1 to 6. Each player tosses the coin and spins the spinner.
- a. How many outcomes are possible for the coin toss? List them.  
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- b. How many outcomes are possible for the spin? List them.  
6: (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
- c. How many outcomes are possible for the toss and spin? List them.  
 $2 \times 6 = 12$  H1 H2 H3 H4 H5 H6 T1 T2 T3 T4 T5 T6