## Theoretical \& Experimental Probability

Probability: The probability of an event, or $\mathbf{P}($ event $)$, means how likely it is that something will happen.

Outcome: The result of a single trial. For example, rolling a number cube.
Sample Space: The sample space is a visual showing a list of all of the possible outcomes.
Event: An event is an outcome or a group of outcomes.
Theoretical Probability: P(event) $=\frac{\# \text { of favorable outcomes }}{\# \text { of possible outcomes }}$


Complement of an Event: The complement of an event consists of all of the outcomes NOT in the event.

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P(\text { event })+P(\text { NOT event })=1 \quad \text { or } \quad P(\text { NOT event })=1-P(\text { event })
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Odds: Odds describes the likelihood of an event by comparing favorable and unfavorable outcomes.

Odds in favor of an event $\longrightarrow$ \# of favorable outcomes TO \# of unfavorable outcomes

Odds against of an event $\longrightarrow$ \# of unfavorable outcomes TO \# of favorable outcomes

Experimental Probability: $P($ event $)=\frac{\# \text { of times an event occurs }}{\# \text { of times the experiment is done }}$

