

# Answers

## Part 1

4. Answers will vary. Sample answers:

a) I got 5005 heads and 4995 tails.

b) The experimental probability of tossing heads was  $\frac{5005}{10000}$ ,  
or 0.5005.

c) I think the more coin tosses the program does, the closer the  
experimental probability will get to the theoretical probability.

d) My prediction was correct.

For 100 000 repeats, the program output 49 915 heads  
and 50 085 tails.

So, the experimental probability of heads is 0.49915,  
which is 0.00085 less than 0.5. This is closer than my result  
in part b), which was 0.005 greater than the experimental  
probability.

## Part 2

5. b) Answers will vary. For some students the experimental  
probability will be closer than their result for 100 000 tosses  
in Part 1, but for others, it may not be.

Sample answer:

When I did 1 000 000 repeats, the program output 499 909  
heads and 500 091 tails. The experimental probability of  
heads is 0.499 909. I expected that it would be really close  
to 0.5 and it is.

# Answers (cont'd)

## Additional Challenge: Sample code and output:

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when clicked
  repeat 1000
    toss
    if coinToss = 0 then
      change totalHeads by 1
    else
      change totalTails by 1
    set headsEP to totalHeads / totalTosses
    set tailsEP to totalTails / totalTosses

when space key pressed
  reset

define reset
  set totalTosses to 0
  set totalHeads to 0
  set totalTails to 0
  set headsEP to 0
  set tailsEP to 0

define toss
  set coinToss to pick random 0 to 1
  change totalTosses by 1
  switch costume to coinToss
  
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