Activity 10 Assessment

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The results for 8 trials:

Spinner 1	Spinner 2		
R	0		
G	0		
G	0		
В	Υ		
G	Y		
R	0		
G	0		
В	Y		

The outcome, green, orange, occurred 3 times. So, the experimental probability of green, orange is:

$$\frac{3}{8} = 0.375$$

$$= 37.5\%$$

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Sample space:

		Spinner 2	
		0	Υ
Spinner 1	R	R, O	R, Y
	В	B, O	B, Y
	G	G, O	G, Y
	G	G, O	G, Y

For green, orange, there is 1 favourable outcome and 6 possible outcomes.

So, the theoretical probability of green, orange is:

$$\frac{1}{6}$$
 = 0.1666...

Compares the theoretical and experimental probabilities for a probability experiment





The results for 10 trials.

Nickel	Dime		
Т	Н		
Т	Н		
Н	Н		
Н	Т		
Н	Т		
Н	Н		
Т	Н		
Т	Н		
н	Н		
Н	Н		

Sample space:

		Nickel	
		Н	Т
Dime	Н	H, H	H, T
	Т	T, H	T, T

Experimental probability of 2 heads

is:
$$\frac{4}{10} = 0.4 = 40\%$$

Theoretical probability of 2 heads is:

$$\frac{1}{4}$$
 = 0.25 = 25%

The experimental probability is greater than the theoretical probability.

Understands how experimental and theoretical probabilities may be related if many trials are conducted

For 100s of trials of an experiment, the experimental probability of an outcome may approach its theoretical probability.

Observations/Documentation