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Making Mathematical Predictions

Read the following facts carefully. Then circle whether you think the events below it are CERTAIN, LIKELY or UNLIKELY to happen.

1. A bag is filled with 8 red marbles, 6 green marbles and 0 black marbles. You reach in without looking...
 - a. ...and pull out a marble of any color CERTAIN LIKELY UNLIKELY
 - b. ...and pull out a red marble. CERTAIN LIKELY UNLIKELY
 - c. ...and pull out a green marble. CERTAIN LIKELY UNLIKELY
 - d.and pull out a black marble. CERTAIN LIKELY UNLIKELY

2. The weather forecast is mostly cloudy and 52 degrees with 100% chance of rain.
 - a. It will rain. CERTAIN LIKELY UNLIKELY
 - b. It will snow. CERTAIN LIKELY UNLIKELY
 - c. It will be a sunny day. CERTAIN LIKELY UNLIKELY

3. You flip a coin 100 times.
 - a. The coin will land on either heads or tails CERTAIN LIKELY UNLIKELY
 - b. Heads will come up about half the time. CERTAIN LIKELY UNLIKELY
 - c. Heads will come up every time. CERTAIN LIKELY UNLIKELY

4. John bought a bag of 20 jellybeans. There are 5 different colors in the bag: red, green, yellow, purple and orange. John picks out 5 jellybeans without peeking.
 - a. One will be orange. CERTAIN LIKELY UNLIKELY
 - b. All 5 will be the same color. CERTAIN LIKELY UNLIKELY
 - c. The bag contains 4 jellybeans of each color. CERTAIN LIKELY UNLIKELY

Definitions

Likelihood: The chance that something will happen.

Certain: Will definitely happen

Likely: Will probably happen

Unlikely: Will probably not happen
