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Take a Chance

Skill: probability

Standard: understands and applies basic and advanced concepts of probability

Benchmark: recognizes events that are sure to happen, events that are sure not to happen, and events that may or may not happen (e.g., in terms of “certain,” “likely,” and “unlikely”)

Materials

- Take a Chance game cards

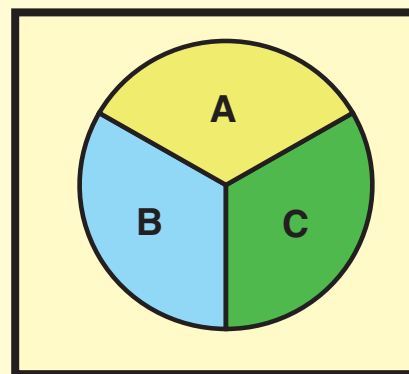
Suggested Use

- cooperative groups
- home connection
- tutorial
- centers

Directions (2 players)

1. Place Take a Chance game cards face down in a draw pile between players.
2. Both players draw a card from the draw pile and lay the cards face up.
3. The player with the card having the most likely chance of a spin landing on **A** collects both cards.
4. If both cards have the same chance of a spin landing on **A**, the cards are placed in a discard pile.
5. Round 1 ends when all cards have been drawn.
6. Cards are reshuffled and placed face down in the draw pile at the end of each round.
7. Round 2 is played with the most likely chance of a spin landing on **B**.
8. Round 3 is played with the most likely chance of a spin landing on **C**. If two cards are drawn and neither player has a **C**, each player keeps his or her drawn card.
9. After Round 3, the player with the most cards is the winner.

**Note to Teacher:* Review common denominators to compare fractions.



Reminder



Probability is determining how likely an event is to occur. For example, if a spinner has four equal sections and 3 out of the 4 sections are blue, and 1 out of the 4 yellow, it is more likely the spinner will land on blue.

