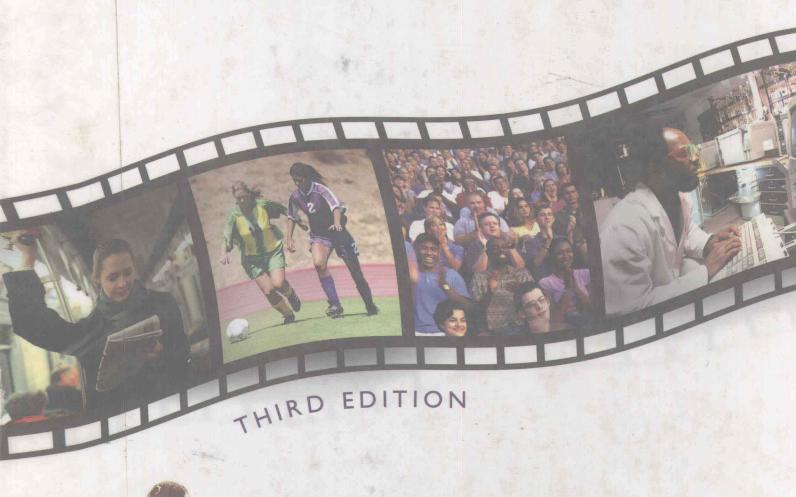
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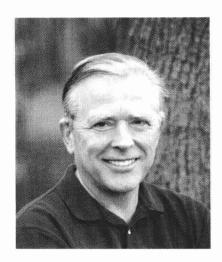
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Preface

Welcome to *Elementary Statistics: Picturing the World*, Third Edition. We are grateful for the overwhelming acceptance and support of the First and Second Editions. It is gratifying to know that our vision of combining theory, pedagogy, and design to exemplify how statistics is used to picture and describe the world has helped students learn about statistics and make informed decisions.

New to the Third Edition

Chapter Openers Chapter openers have been updated. Each chapter opener provides a road map for the chapter and begins with a two-page visual description of a real-life problem that is often revisited in the chapter. The chapter opener shows students how the chapter fits into the bigger picture of statistics by connecting it to topics learned in earlier chapters and then gives an overview of the chapter in the context of the real-world data presented.

Interpretation Examples are solved in a step-by-step manner, and students are asked to reflect upon conclusion of the example in an Interpretation step. This added step promotes critical thinking and writing skills.

Exercises The exercise sets in the Third Edition include about 1900 exercises, giving students practice in performing calculations, making decisions, providing explanations, and applying results to a real-life setting. Approximately 35% of these exercises are new or revised. The exercises are divided into three sections:

Building Basic Skills and Vocabulary Each exercise set begins with a group of exercises called Building Basic Skills and Vocabulary. These exercises are short answer, true and false, or vocabulary carefully written to nurture student understanding.

Using and Interpreting Concepts Each exercise set contains a group of exercises called Using and Interpreting Concepts. These exercises are skill or word problems carefully written to nurture student understanding and proficiency. They move from basic skill development to more challenging and interpretive problems.

Extending Concepts Each exercise set ends with a group of exercises called Extending Concepts. These exercises go beyond the material presented in the section—they tend to be more challenging and are not required as prerequisites of subsequent sections.

Round off Rules Round off rules have been included in Study Tips at point of use. These rules guide the student during calculations.

Course Coverage In response to suggestions from statistics instructors, the coverage of topics in Chapters 4, 5, 7, 9, and 11 is revised in the Third Edition. Many of these changes emphasize interpretation of results rather than calculations.

 In Chapter 4, additional exercises place more emphasis on mean and standard deviation of binomial distributions. Also, more emphasis is placed on identification of unusual values within this distribution.

- In Chapter 5, we combined two sections to form Section 5.1 Introduction to Normal Distributions and the Standard Normal Distribution. This section replaces Section 5.1 Introduction to Normal Distributions and Section 5.2 The Standard Normal Distribution in the Second Edition. The Empirical Rule has been covered in Chapter 2, so there is no need for it in Chapter 5. In Section 5.4, Sampling Distributions and the Central Limit Theorem, more emphasis is placed on identifying unusual values within sampling distributions.
- In Chapter 7, we have placed more emphasis on the logic behind the hypotheses testing process and interpreting the decision.
- In Chapter 9, for instructors who prefer to cover Section 9.1, Correlation, immediately after covering graphing paired data in Chapter 2, we present a method for testing a population correlation coefficient that does not involve hypothesis testing. The method is simple and can easily be covered after Chapters 1 and 2.
- In Chapter 11, we added a new section—Section 11.5 Runs Test. This section provides students with a method—a nonparametric test called the Runs Test—for testing randomness in a set of data.

Continuing Strong Pedagogy from the Second Edition

Versatile Course Coverage The table of contents of the text was developed to give instructors many options. For instance, assigning the *Extending Concepts* exercises and spending time on the chapter projects provide sufficient content to use the text in a two-semester course. More commonly, we expect the text to be used in a three-credit semester course or a four-credit semester course that includes a lab component. In such cases, instructors will have to pare down the text's 46 sections. If you wish to view sample syllabi, you can access these within MyMathLab under the Instructor Resource Area.

Graphical Approach As with most introductory statistics texts, we begin the descriptive statistics chapter with a survey of different ways to display data graphically. A difference between this text and many others is that we continue to incorporate the graphical display of data throughout the text. For example, see the use of stem-and-leaf plots to display data on pages 362 and 363. This emphasis on graphical displays is beneficial to all students, especially those utilizing visual learning strategies.

Balanced Approach The text strikes a balance between computation, decision making, and conceptual understanding. We have provided many Examples, Exercises, and Try It Yourself exercises that go beyond mere computation. For instance, look at Exercises 31–34 on page 257. Students are not just asked to calculate a probability; they also are asked to use the probability to make a decision about a claim.

Variety of Real-Life Applications We have chosen real-life applications that are representative of the majors of students taking introductory statistics courses. These include business, psychology, health sciences, sports, computer science, political science, and many others. Choosing meaningful applications for such a diverse audience is difficult. We want statistics to come alive and appear

relevant to students so they understand the importance and rationale for studying statistics. We wanted the applications to be authentic—but they also need to be accessible. See the Index of Applications on page xxiii.

Data and Source Lines The data sets in the book were chosen for interest, variety, and their ability to illustrate concepts. Most of the over 200 data sets contain actual data with source lines. The remaining data sets contain simulated data that are representative of real-life situations. All data sets containing 20 or more entries are available in a variety of electronic forms, including disk and Internet. In the exercise sets, the data sets that are available electronically are indicated by the icon .

Flexible Technology Although most formulas in the book are illustrated with tabular "hand" calculations, we assume that most students who take this course have access to some form of technology tool, such as MINITAB, Excel, the TI-83, or SPSS. Because the use of technology varies widely, we have made the text flexible. It can be used in courses with no more technology than a scientific calculator—or it can be used in courses that require frequent use of sophisticated technology tools. For those who want specific instructions on particular technology tools, separate technology manuals are available to augment the text. Whatever your use of technology, we are sure that you agree with us that the goal of the course is not computation. Rather, it is to gain an understanding of the basic concepts and uses of statistics.

Prerequisites Statistics contains many formulas and variables, including radicals, summation notation, Greek letters, and subscripts. So, some familiarity with algebra and evaluation of algebraic expressions is a prerequisite. Nevertheless, we have made every effort to keep algebraic manipulations to a minimum—often we display informal versions of formulas using words in place of or in addition to variables. For instance, see the definitions of midpoint and relative frequency on page 36.

Choice of Tables Our experience has shown that students find a cumulative density function (CDF) table easier to use than a "0-to-z" table. Using the CDF table to find the area under a normal curve is a topic of Section 5.1 on pages 219–223. Because we realize that many teachers prefer to use the "0-to-z" table, we have provided an alternative presentation of this topic using the "0-to-z" table in Appendix A of the book.

MAA, AMATYC, NCTM Standards This text answers the call for a student-friendly text that emphasizes the uses of statistics and not just the computation of its myriad formulas. Our experience indicates that our job as instructors of an introductory course in statistics is not to produce statisticians but to produce informed consumers of statistical reports. For this reason, we have included many exercises that require students to provide written explanations, find patterns, and make decisions.

Page Layout We believe that statistics is more accessible to students when it is carefully formatted on each page with a consistent open layout. This text is the first college-level statistics book to be written to design, which means that its features (Examples, Try It problems, Definitions, or Guidelines) are not split from one page to the next. Although this process requires extra planning and work in the development stage, the result is a presentation that is clean and clear.

Supplements

Student Resources

Student Study Pack

(Stand-alone: 0-13-134367-X; Value Pack: 0-13-136366-1)

Everything a student needs to succeed in one place. Free packaged with the book, or available for purchase stand-alone. The **Student Study Pack** contains:

- > Chapter Quiz Prep Video (CD-ROM) Provides step-bystep video solutions to every problem in the textbook Chapter Quizzes.
- > Student Solutions Manual Includes complete worked-out solutions to all of the *Try It Yourself* exercises, the odd-numbered exercises, and all of the *Chapter Quiz* exercises.
- CD Lecture Series A comprehensive set of CD-ROMs, tied to the textbook, containing short video clips of an instructor working every Try It Yourself exercise.
- > **Technology Manuals** Tutorial instruction and worked-out examples for the TI-83 Calculator, Excel, and MINITAB.
- > Pearson Tutor Center Tutors provide one-on-one tutoring for any problem with an answer at the back of the book. Students access the Tutor Center via toll-free phone, fax, or email.

Instructor Resources

Content Distribution Center

All instructor resources can be downloaded from Prentice Hall website www.prenhall.com (then search for Larson/Farber, Elementary Statistics 3e). This is a password-protected website that requires instructors to set up an account or, alternatively, instructor resources can be ordered individually from your Prentice Hall sales representative:

- Instructor-to-Instructor CD Lecture Video (0-13-186162-X) Offers classroom suggestions, time-saving tips, and strategies for engaging students and presenting key topics throughout the course.
- Instructor Solutions Manual (0-13-148318-8) Includes complete solutions to all of the exercises, Try It Yourself exercises, Case Studies, Technology pages, Uses and Abuses exercises, and Real Statistics-Real Decisions exercises.
- > TestGen (0-13-148320-X) Test-generating software—create tests from textbook section objectives. Includes more than 1050 additional questions with an answer key. Questions are algorithmically generated, allowing for unlimited test versions. Instructors may also edit problems or create their own.

- > Test Item File (0-13-148319-6) A printed test bank derived from TestGen.
- ➤ PowerPoint Lecture Slides Fully editable and printable slides that follow the textbook. Use during lecture or post to a website in an online course. Most slides include notes offering suggestions for how the material may effectively be presented in class.

Annotated Instructor's Edition

Includes:

- Notes to Instructors appear in the margin of the text to suggest activities that correspond to the example or concept, additional ways to present the material, common pitfalls students encounter, alternative formulas or approaches that may be used, and other helpful teaching tips for instructors.
- All answers to the section and review exercises are provided with short answers (numerical, tabular, and/or graphical) appearing in the margin next to the exercise.

Internet Resources

MyMathLab

(Student: 0-13-147894-X; Instructor: 0-13-147898-2)

MyMathLab is a text-specific, online course. MyMathLab contains MathXL (Internet) at its core, providing all of the tutorial, homework, testing, and diagnostic power of MathXL. Beyond the power of MathXL, you also get access to

- Course Management Tools MyMathLab is a fully functioning course management system. Upload documents (e.g., syllabi, lecture notes, etc.) utilize communication tools (e.g., email, chat rooms, virtual classroom), create and post assignments, and more.
- Additional Resources for Instructors and Students Access a multimedia textbook, online lecture videos, solutions manuals, online graphing calculator manual, sample syllabi, a video on overcoming math anxiety, PowerPoint lecture slides, and more.

MathXL® (Internet)

A powerful online homework, tutorial, and assessment system. MathXL (Internet) provides powerful tutorial capabilities and allows instructors to create, edit, and assign online homework and tests (built from provided text-specific question banks) and to track student work in a gradebook. MathXL creates study plans personalized for students on the basis of test results.

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We have worked hard to make *Elementary Statistics: Picturing the World*, Third Edition, a clean, clear, and enjoyable text from which to teach and learn statistics. Despite our best efforts to ensure accuracy and ease of use, many users will undoubtedly have suggestions for improvement. We welcome your suggestions.

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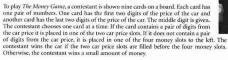
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Features



Where You've Been

In Chapters 1 and 2, you learned how to collect and describe data. Once the data are collected and described, you can use the results to write summaries, form conclusions, and make decisions. For instance, in *The Money Game on The Price Is Right*, a contestant can win a car by correctly guessing the car's five-digit price. By collecting and analyzing the data, you can determine your chances of winning the car.





Where You're Going

In Chapter 3, you will learn how to determine the probability that an event will occur. For instance, suppose you are given the following table, which shows the four possible ways to win a car during *The Money Game* and the corresponding probabilities.

Event	Probability
Winning the car after selecting two cards	1 36
Winning the car after selecting three cards	18
Winning the car after selecting four cards	1 12
Winning the car after selecting five cards	1

How would you use these given probabilities to determine the probability that a contestant will win a car? How would you determine the probability that a contestant will win money?

You can find the probability of winning a car by adding the given probabilities.

Probability of winning a car = $\frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{18} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{3}{18} \approx 0.278$

Then, you can find the probability of winning money by subtracting the probability of winning a car from 1.

Probability of winning money = 1 — Probability of winning a car

 $=1-\frac{5}{18}=\frac{13}{18}\approx 0.722$

So, the probability that a contestant will win a car during *The Money Game* is about 0.278, or 27.8%. The probability that a contestant will win money is about 0.722, or 72.2%.

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Section Organization

Each section is organized by learning objectives. These objectives are presented in everyday language in a margin feature called *What You Should Learn*. The same objectives are then used as subsection titles throughout the section.

Study Tips

Most sections contain one or more study tips placed on "sticky notes" in the margin. These tend to be informal learning aids, which show how to read a table, use technology, or interpret a result or a graph.

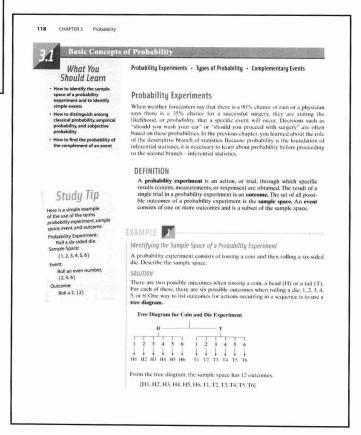
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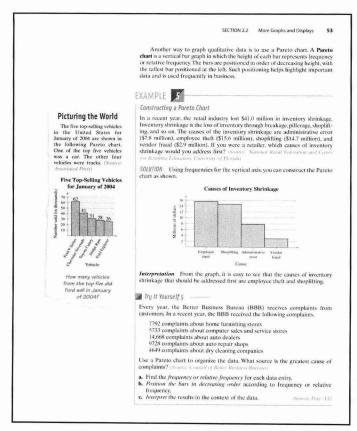
Where You've Been

Each chapter begins with a two-page photographic description of a real-life problem. The feature called *Where You've Been* shows students how the chapter fits into the bigger picture of statistics, by connecting it to topics learned in earlier chapters.

Where You're Going

The feature called *Where You're Going* gives students an overview of the chapter, exploring concepts in the context of real-world settings.





Picturing the World

Each section contains a real-life "mini case study" that illustrates the important concept or concepts of the section. Each *Picturing the World* concludes with a question and can be used for general class discussion or group work.

Definitions

The critical statistics definitions are set off with screens. Formal definitions are often followed by guidelines that explain, in everyday English, how to apply the definition.

Guidelines

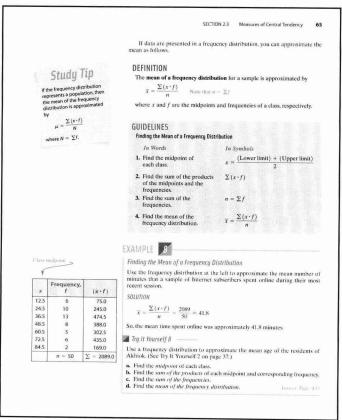
Throughout the book, the presentation of a statistical formula is followed by a set of step-by-step guidelines for applying the formula. The guidelines are divided into two columns titled *In Words* and *In Symbols*.

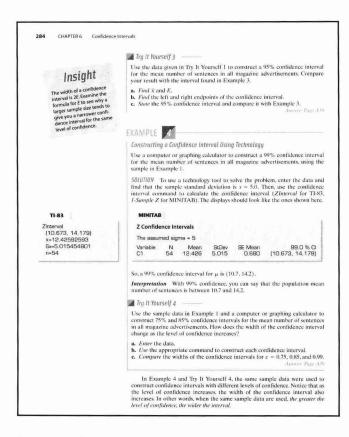
Titled Examples

Every concept in the text is clearly illustrated with one or more step-by-step examples. Many examples have an interpretation step that shows the student how the solution may be interpreted within the real-life context of the example. Each of the more than 200 examples is numbered and titled for easy reference. In presenting the examples, we use an open format with a step-by-step display that students can use as a model when solving the exercises.

Try It Yourself

Each example in the text is followed by a similar exercise called *Try It Yourself*. Students can immediately practice the skill learned in the example. The answers to these exercises are given in the back of the book, and the worked-out solutions are given in the *Student's Solutions Manual*. The accompanying CD Lecture Videos contain clips of an instructor working out each *Try It Yourself* exercise.





Section Exercise Sets

The section exercises are split into three categories, listed below. The exercises build from basic skill development to more challenging and interpretive problems. Most exercises are labeled for easy reference. Exercises labeled *Graphical Analysis* ask students to use the graphs provided to answer the questions. Almost all exercises are given in "paired format" so that the odd-numbered exercise, whose answer is given in the back of the book, is paired with an even-numbered exercise, whose answer is not given.

Building Basic Skills and Vocabulary These exercises are short answer, true and false, or vocabulary for students to test their knowledge of vocabulary and concepts from the section.

Using and Interpreting Concepts These exercises are skill or word problems carefully written to nurture student understanding and proficiency.

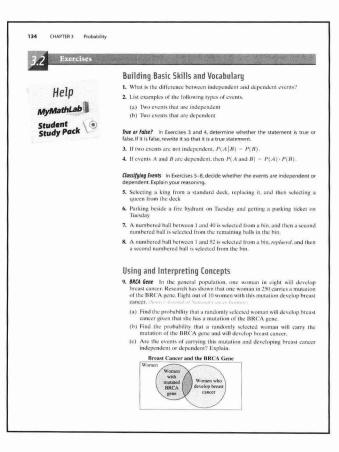
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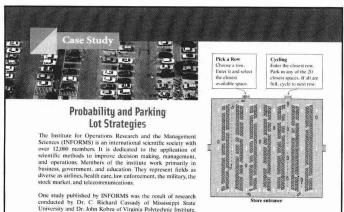
Technology Examples

Many sections contain a worked example that shows how technology can be used to calculate formulas, perform tests, or display data. Screen displays from MINITAB, Excel, and TI-83 are given. Additional screen displays are given at the ends of selected chapters, and detailed instructions are given in separate technology manuals available with the book.

Insights

Most sections also contain one or more insights placed on blue "sticky notes" in the margin. The purpose of each insight is to help drive home an important interpretation or help connect different concepts.





Chapter Case Study

Each chapter has a full-page Case Study featuring actual data from a real-world context and a series of thoughtprovoking questions that are designed to illustrate the important concepts of the chapter.

The parking space study was conducted at a mall that has four entrances, seven rows with 72 spaces each, and directional restrictions. The researchers compared several parking lot strategies to see which strategy saves the most time. The two best strategies are called *Pick a Row* and *Cycling*. The results are shown in the table.

Time or Distance	Pick a Row	Cycling
Time from lot entrance to parking space	37.7 seconds	52.5 seconds
Time from lot entrance to store's door	61.3 seconds	70.7 seconds
Average walking distance to store	257 feet	208 feet

- In a parking lot study, is each parking space equally likely to be empty? Explain your reasoning.
- According to the results of the study, are you more likely to spend less time using the Pick-a-Row strategy or the Cycling strategy? Explain.
- 3. According to the results of the study, are you more likely to walk less using the Pick-a-Row strategy or the Cycling strategy? Explain.
- 4. A key assumption in the study was that the drivers can see which spaces are available as soon as they enter a lane. Why is that important?
- 5. The parking lot is completely full, and one car leaves What is the probability that the car was in the first row? Explain your reasoning.
- 6. A person is leaving from a row that is full. What is the probability that the person was parked in one of the 20 spaces that are closest to the store?
- 7. Draw a diagram of the parking lot. Color code the parking spaces into three categories of 168 spaces each most desirable, moderately desirable, and least desirable. Assume that the parking lot is half full. Estimate the probability that you can find a parking space in the most desirable category. Explain your reasoning.

Uses and Abuses: Statistics in the Real World

Each chapter features an expanded discussion on how statistical techniques should be used, while cautioning students about common abuses. Exercises help students to apply their knowledge.

Uses and Abuses Statistics in the Real World

Uses

Probability affects decisions when the weather is forecast, when marketing strategies are determined, when medications are selected, and even when players are selected for professional sports teams. Although intuition is often used for determining probabilities, you will be better able to assess the likelihood that an event will occur by applying the rules of classical probability and empirical probability.

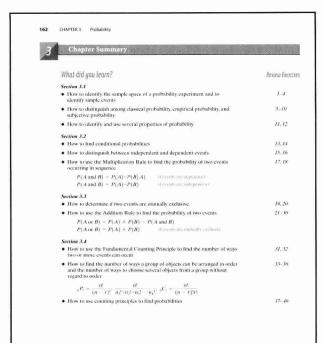
For instance, suppose you work for a real estate company and are asked to estimate the likelihood that a particular house will self for a particular price within the next yol days. You could use your intuition, but you could better assess the probability by looking at sales records for similar houses.

Assuming Probability Has a "Memory" One common abuse of probability is thinking that probabilities have "memories" For example, if a coin is tossed eight times, the probability that it will land heads up all eight times is only about 0.004. However, if the coin has already been tossed seven times and has landed heads up each time, the probability that it will land heads up on the eighth time is 0.5. Each toos is independent of all other tosses. The coin does not "remember" that it has already landed heads up seven times.

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- Assuming Probability Has a "Memory" A "Daily Number" lottery has a three-digit number from 000 to 999. You buy one ticket each day. Your number is 389.
 - a. What is the probability of winning next Tuesday and Wednesday? b. You won on Tuesday. What's the probability of winning on Wednesday?
 - c. You didn't win on Tuesday. What's the probability of winning on Wednesday?
- 2. Adding Probabilities Incorrectly A town has a population of 500 people. Suppose that the probability that a randomly chosen person owns a pickup is 0.25 and the probability that a randomly chosen person owns an SUV is 0.30. What can you say about the probability that a randomly chosen person owns an SUV? Could this probability that a randomly chosen person owns a pickup or an SUV? Could this probability be 0.55? Could it be 0.60? Explain your reasoning.





Chapter Summary

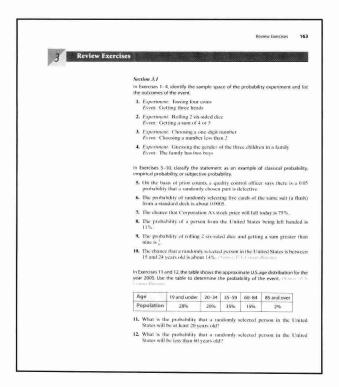
Each chapter concludes with a Chapter Summary that answers the question *What did you learn?* This can be used as a study aid in conjunction with the chapter Review Exercises.

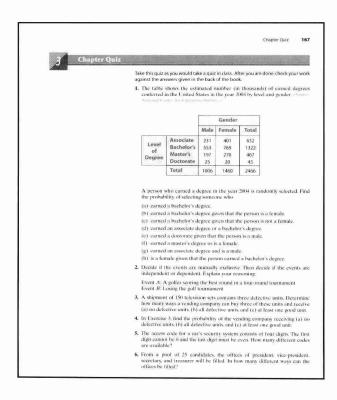
Chapter Review Exercises

A set of Review Exercises follows each Chapter Summary. The order of the exercises follows the chapter organization. Answers to all odd-numbered exercises are given in the back of the book. Worked-out solutions are available in the *Student's Solutions Manual*.

Chapter Quizzes

Each chapter ends with a Chapter Quiz. The answers to all quiz questions are provided in the back of the book. For additional help, see the step-by-step video solutions on the Chapter Quiz Prep Video.





PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER Real Statistics Real Decisions

You work for the company that runs the Powerball lottery. Powerball is a lottery game in which five white balls are chosen from a drum containing. Shalls and one red ball is chosen from a drum containing at the shall sail to chose from a drum containing at 2 balls. To win the jackpot, a player must match all five white balls and the red ball. Other winners and their prizes are also shown in the table.

Working in the public relations department, you handle many

inquiries from the media and from lottery players. You receive the following e-mail.

You list the probability of matching only the red ball as You list the probability of matching only the red ball as 1/70. I know from my statistics class that the probability of winning is the ratio of the number of successful outcomes to the total number of outcomes. Could you please explain why the probability of matching only the red ball is 1/70?

Your job is to answer this question, using the probability techniques you have learned in this chapter to justify your answer. In answering the question, assume only one ticket is purchased.

1. How Would You Do It?

- (a) How would you investigate the question about the probability of matching only the red ball?
- (b) What statistical methods taught in this chapter would

2. Answering the Question

Write an explanation that answers the question about the probability of matching only the red ball. Include in your explanation any probability formulas that justify your explanation.

You receive another question asking how the overall probability of winning a prize in the Powerball lottery is determined. The overall probability of winning a prize in the Powerball lottery is 1/36. Write an explanation that answers the question and include any probability formulas that justify your explanation.



Powerball Winners and Prizes

Match	Prize	Approximate Probability
5 white, 1 red	Jackpot	1/120,526,770
5 white	\$100,000	1/2,939,677
4 white, 1 red	\$5,000	1/502,195
4 white	\$100	1/12,249
3 white, 1 red	\$100	1/10,685
3 white	57	1/261
2 white, 1 red	\$7	1/697
1 white, 1 red	\$4	1/124
1 red	\$3	1/70

werball is played in 26 states, Washington, D.C., and the



Real Statistics - Real Decisions

This feature encourages students to think critically and make informed decisions about real-world data. Exercises guide students from interpretation to drawing conclusions.

Simulation: Composing Mozart Variations with Dice Wolfgang Mozart (1756–1791) composed a wide variety of musical pieces. In his Musical Dice Game, he wrote a Wiener minuet with an almost endless number of variations. Each minuet has 16 and sixteenth bars, choose Option 1 if the dice total is odd and Option 2 if it is even. For each of the other 14 bars, subtract 1 from the dice total. The following minute is the result of the following sequence of numbers. bars. In the eighth and sixteenth bars, the player has a choice of two musical phrases. In each of the other 14 bars, the player has a choice of 11 phrases To create a minuet. Mozart suggested that the player toss 2 six-sided dice 16 times. For the eightl Exercises Use technology to select randomly two numbers from 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Find the sum and subtract 1 to obtain a total. 1. How many phrases did Mozart write to create the Musical Dice Game minuet? Explain. How many possible variations are there in Mozart's Musical Dice Game minuet? Explain. (a) What is the theoretical probability of each total from 1 to 11? Use technology to select randomly a number from 1 to 11. (b) Use this procedure to select 100 totals between 1 and 11. Tally your results and compare them with the probabilities in (a) What is the theoretical probability of each number from 1 to 11 occurring? part (a). (b) Use this procedure to select 100 integers between 1 and 11. Tally your results and compare them with the probabilities in part (a). What is the probability of randomly selecting options 6, 7, or 8 for the first bar? For all 14 bars? Find each probability using (a) theoretical probability and (b) the results of Exercise 5(b). 4. What is the probability of randomly selecting options 6, 7, or 8 for the first bar? For all 14 bars? Find each probability using (a) theoretical probability and (b) the results of Exercise 3(b).

Extended solutions are given in the Technology Supplement.
Technical instruction is provided for MINITAB, Excel, and the TI-83.

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Chapter Technology Project

Each chapter has a full-page Technology project using tools from MINITAB, Excel, and TI-83 that gives students additional insight into the way technology is used to handle large data sets or complex, real-life questions.

How to Study Statistics

Study Strategies

Congratulations! You are about to begin your study of statistics. As you progress through the course, you should discover how to use statistics in your everyday life and in your career. The prerequisites for this course are two years of algebra, an open mind, and a willingness to study. When you are studying statistics, the material you learn each day builds on material you learned previously. There are no shortcuts—you must keep up with your studies every day. Before you begin, read through the following hints that will help you succeed.

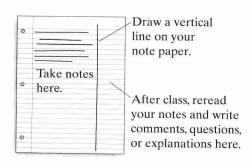
Making a Plan Make your own course plan right now! A good rule of thumb is to study at least two hours for every hour in class. After your first major exam, you will know if your efforts were sufficient. If you did not get the grade you wanted, then you should increase your study time, improve your study efficiency, or both.

Preparing for Class Before every class, review your notes from the previous class and read the portion of the text that is to be covered. Pay special attention to the definitions and rules that are highlighted. Read the examples and work through the Try It Yourself exercises that accompany each example. These steps take self-discipline, but they pay off because you will benefit much more from your instructor's presentation.

Attending Class Attend every class. Arrive on time with your text, materials for taking notes, and your calculator. If you must miss a class, get the notes from another student, go to a tutor or your instructor for help, or view the appropriate CD Lecture Video. Try to learn the material that was covered in the missed class before attending the next class.

Participating in Class When reading the text before class, reviewing your notes from a previous class, or working on your homework, write down any questions you have about the material. Ask your instructor these questions during class. Doing so will help you (and others in your class) understand the material better.

Taking Notes During class, be sure to take notes on definitions, examples, concepts, and rules. Focus on the instructor's cues to identify important material. Then, as soon after class as possible, review your notes and add any explanations that will help to make your notes more understandable to you.



Doing the Homework Learning statistics is like learning to play the piano or basketball. You cannot develop skills just by watching someone do it; you must do it yourself. The best time to do your homework is right after class, when the concepts are still fresh in your mind. Doing homework at this time increases your chances of retaining the information in long-term memory.

Finding a Study Partner When you get stuck on a problem, you may find that it helps to work with a partner. Even if you feel you are giving more help than you are getting, you will find that teaching others is an excellent way to learn.

Keeping Up with the Work Don't let yourself fall behind in this course. If you are having trouble, seek help immediately—from your instructor, a statistics tutor, your study partner, or additional study aids such as videotapes and software tutorials. Remember: If you have trouble with one section of your statistics text, there's a good chance that you will have trouble with later sections unless you take steps to improve your understanding.

Getting Stuck Every statistics student has had this experience: You work a problem and cannot solve it, or the answer you get does not agree with the one given in the text. When this happens, consider asking for help or taking a break to clear your thoughts. You might even want to sleep on it, or rework the problem, or reread the section in the text. Avoid getting frustrated or spending too much time on a single problem.

Preparing for Tests Cramming for a statistics test seldom works. If you keep up with the work and follow the suggestions given here, you should be almost ready for the test. To prepare for the chapter test, review the Chapter Summary and work the Review Exercises. Then set aside some time to take the sample Chapter Quiz. Analyze the results of your Chapter Quiz to locate and correct test-taking errors.

Taking a Test Most instructors do not recommend studying right up to the minute the test begins. Doing so tends to make people anxious. The best cure for test-taking anxiety is to prepare well in advance. Once the test begins, read the directions carefully and work at a reasonable pace. (You might want to read the entire test first, then work the problems in the order in which you feel most comfortable.) Don't rush! People who hurry tend to make careless errors. If you finish early, take a few moments to clear your thoughts and then go over your work.

Learning from Mistakes After your test is returned to you, go over any errors you might have made. Doing so will help you avoid repeating some systematic or conceptual errors. Don't dismiss any error as just a "dumb mistake." Take advantage of any mistakes by hunting for ways to improve your test-taking skills.