## **Getting Started with Statistics**

### **Binomial Experiments**

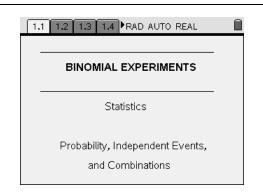
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In this activity, you will explore:

- Probability of independent events
- Combinations
- Binomial experiments

Open the file *StatAct13\_BinomExp\_EN.tns* on your handheld and follow along with your teacher to work through the activity. Use this document as a reference and to record your answers.



### Problem 1 - The First Success

- Write a general rule for finding the probability of getting the first success on the *n*th trial.
- Explain why the formula works.
- According the 2000 US Census, 24.4% of Americans have at least a bachelor's degree.
  When randomly calling Americans for a survey, find the probability that it takes 10 calls before you reach someone with a bachelor's degree.

### **Problem 2 – The Binomial Probability Formula**

- Write a general rule for finding the probability of *x* successes in *n* trials.
- Explain why the formula works.

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About 10% of people are left-handed. A teacher has 25 students and one left-handed desk.

- What is the probability that the teacher has exactly one left-handed student?
- What is the probability that the teacher has one or two left-handed students?
- What are the requirements for a binomial experiment?

#### Problem 3 - Extension

Use the Binomial Pdf command to answer the following.

- For a given airline flight, the probability that a customer shows up for a flight is 92%. Out of 20 booked seats, find the probability that four customers do not show up.
- Find the probability that either one or two customers do not show up.