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Elementary Statistics

Use the following data to answer questions 1-2: For 200 births, the probability of exactly 90 girls is 0.0208 and the probability of 90 or fewer girls is 0.089.

- 1. Is exactly 90 girls in 200 births unlikely? Why or why not?
- 2. Among 200 births, is 90 girls an unusually low number of girls? Why or why not?

For questions 3-8, use the following probability distribution that describes the results from groups of 10 births from 10 different sets of parents. The random variable x represents the number of girls among 10 children.

<u>Number of girls, x</u>	<u>P(x)</u>	$\underline{x \cdot P(x)}$	$\underline{x^2 \cdot P(x)}$
0	0.001		
1	0.010		
2	0.044		
3	0.117		
4	0.205		
5	0.246		
6	0.205		
7	0.117		
8	0.044		
9	0.010		
10	0.001		

- 3. Find the mean number of girls out of 10 births.
- 4. Find the standard deviation for the number of girls out of 10 births.
- 5. What is the probability of getting exactly 8 girls out of 10 births?
- 6. What is the probability of getting 8 or more girls out of 10 births?

- 7. Using the rare event rule of inferential statistics, is 8 an unusually high number of girls out of 10 births? Why or why not?
- 8. Using the range rule of thumb, identify a range of values containing the usual numbers of girls born out of 10 births. Based on the result, would 8 girls be considered an unusual number of girls born? Explain.
- 9. In Maine's Pick 4 lottery game, you can pay \$1 to select a sequence of four digits, such as 1332. (Remember that a digit is a number from 0 to 9 and this lottery allows repetitions of digits). If you select the same sequence of four digits that are drawn, you win and collect \$5000.
 - a. How many different selections are possible?
 - b. What is the probability of winning?
 - c. If you win, what is your net profit?
 - d. Find the expected value.

e. If you bet \$1 in Maine's pick 3 games, the expected value is -\$0.50. Which bet is better: A \$1 bet in the Maine Pick 3 game or a \$1 bet in the Maine Pick 4 game? Explain.