

Theoretical v. Experimental Probability

Day 1

1. Have students flip a coin 10 times. Gather the results for each class and total for all classes at the end of the day.
2. Have student roll 1 die 10 times. Gather the results for each class and total for all classes at the end of the day.

Day 2

Compare the theoretical probability ($1/2$ of coin) ($1/6$ of die) to the actual experiment and discuss the results. Have students record the results on their handout.

This activity may be adjusted to accommodate class size.

<u>YOUR Coin</u>	<u>Class Totals</u>	<u>YOUR Die</u>	<u>Class Totals</u>
Heads =	Heads =	1's =	1's =
Tails =	Tails =	2's =	2's =
		3's =	3's =
		4's =	4's =
		5's =	5's =
		6's =	6's =