

**OBJECTIVE: Students will be able to compute permutations and solve problems involving object ordering.**

**CHECKPOINT:**

A team of **FIVE** basketball players is going to be chosen from **NINE** people trying out.

How many possible different teams can be made by choosing **FIVE** of the **NINE** players?

**REACH:**

An ice-cream shop has **TEN** flavors.

How many unique **THREE-scoop** desserts can be made using these **TEN** flavors?

## LAUNCH

**1** A family wants to adopt **THREE** cats to help control a mouse problem in their garage.

An animal shelter has **FIVE** cats to choose from:

**Abby**   **Bernie**   **Coraline**   **Dallas**   **Emma**

How many different **THREE**-cat teams are possible from among these **FIVE**?

## SKILL REVIEW

2 Solve:  $\frac{12!}{9!}$

3 How many different ways can the letters A-B-C-D-E be rearranged?

4 How many different ways can the letters:

**W, X, Y, Z**

be arranged, if you know that the letter Z must come last?

5 How many different FOUR-digit PINs can be made by selecting from the letters shown?

**A, B, C, D, E, F, G**

The word *combination* means a unique arrangement of things where the order **DOES NOT** matter, as in selecting 3 cats to take home. It doesn't matter the order in which they are selected; **Abby**, **Bernie**, **Coraline** is the same as **Coraline**, **Bernie**, **Abby**.

This is different from *permutations*, where the order does matter. Since order **DOES** matter with *permutations*, when arranging two or more things, there will always be more *permutations* possible than *combinations*.

**6** How many *combinations* can be made by choosing 3 of the 4 cards shown?



**7** How many *permutations* can be made by arranging 3 of the 4 cards shown?



**8** A pizzeria offers 10 different toppings:

<b>Pepperoni</b>	<b>Pineapple</b>
<b>Olives</b>	<b>Sausage</b>
<b>Mushrooms</b>	<b>Peppers</b>
<b>Tomatoes</b>	<b>Artichoke</b>
<b>Ham</b>	<b>Bacon</b>

How many different **THREE**-topping pizzas can be created, if no topping can be repeated?

$$10C_3$$

This means: compute  $10P_3$ , and then divide by another 3!.

## PRACTICE

Simplify each combination.

9  ${}_7C_3$

10  ${}_8C_3$

11  ${}_{12}C_1$

12  ${}_5C_5$

13  ${}_7C_4$

14  ${}_{10}C_3$

15  ${}_8C_5$

16 Lou has EIGHT books, and wants to bring THREE on vacation. How many different THREE-book combinations can be made?

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### LOOKING AHEAD

17 A florist offers FIVE kinds of flowers:

HINT:  
The answer  
is NOT 10

**Roses   Carnations**  
**Lillies   Irises   Tulips**

Jeff wants to buy THREE flowers for a small vase. How many different combinations are possible, if it is ok to repeat?

## CONCLUSION

- 18** Copy the formula that goes with *permutation notation*:

Choose  $r$  items from a set of  $n$  items:

$${}_n C_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}$$

Use the formula, and show all work, to compute:

$${}_9 C_3$$

## CONCLUSION

Looking Ahead

- 19** A license plate is to be created using **THREE** numbers, followed by **THREE** letters.

How many different license plates can be made following this pattern?

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