

Master 3-2

Keeping Track of the Numbers

Part 1: Will It Snow in Bozeman, Montana?

- 1. Set up the bag. The bag will hold a total of 10 pieces. Assume 20 percent of those pieces are white.
 - a. How many white pieces are in the bag? _____
 - b. How many red pieces are in the bag? _____
- 2. Use the following table to record your data from the investigation. Remember the color coding for the activity:

white piece = snow
red piece = no snow

Did snow fall in Bozeman?

Day	Yes	No
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- 3. Based on the data you collected, answer the following questions:
 - a. How many days did it snow in Bozeman? _____
 - b. What is the percentage of days during this time that it snowed in Bozeman? _____
 - c. Is this a higher or lower percentage of days than expected? Explain your answer.

Part 2: Will It Rain in Baton Rouge, Louisiana?

1. Set up the bag.
What is the chance of rain in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during this time? _____ percent
- a. How many white pieces are in the bag? _____
- b. How many red pieces are in the bag? _____
- c. What is the total number of pieces in the bag? _____
2. Use the following table to record your data from the investigation. Remember the color coding for the activity:
- white piece = rain
red piece = no rain

Day	Yes	No
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3. Based on the data you collected, answer the following questions:
- a. How many days did it rain in Baton Rouge? _____
- b. What is the percentage of days during this time that it rained in Baton Rouge? _____
- c. Is this a higher or lower percentage of days than expected? Explain your answer.

Part 3: Water Town

1. Set up the bag.
- a. What is the chance of an earthquake happening each year? _____
- b. How many white pieces are in the bag? _____
- c. How many red pieces are in the bag? _____
- d. What is the total number of pieces in the bag? _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

2. Use the following table to record your data from the investigation. Remember the color coding for the activity:

white piece = earthquake
red piece = no earthquake

Did Water Town have an earthquake?

Year	Yes	No
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3. Based on the data you collected, answer the following questions:
- What is the number of years that Water Town had earthquakes? _____
 - What is the percentage of years during this time that there were earthquakes? _____
 - Is this a higher or lower percentage of years than expected? Explain your answer.