

Permutations and Combinations

1. **WAITING IN LINE** When the 12 students in Mr. Jaybird's class go to lunch, they form a single file line. Does forming a line involve a permutation or a combination of the students?

2. **ART** Isabel needs to select three different colors of construction paper to make a flag for a school project. She can choose from a selection of 15 different colors. In how many ways can she pick her colors?

3. **SUDOKU** A popular game called "Sudoku" involves square arrays of numbers. In a game of Sudoku, every entry is an integer between 1 and 9, inclusive. No number appears twice in any row or column.

7	1	8	6	9	4	2	3	5
9	2	5	7	3	1	6	4	8
4	6	3	8	5	2	7	9	1
5	9	2	1	7	3	4	8	6
8	3	1	4	6	5	9	2	7
9	7	4	2	8	9	5	1	3
3	4	9	5	1	7	8	6	2
2	8	7	3	4	6	1	5	9
1	5	6	9	2	8	3	7	4

For a game of Sudoku, how many different possibilities are there for the first row of numbers?

4. **NAMES** Hannah is curious to know how many different 6 letter sequences she can make using each of the letters of her name exactly once. For example, "HANNAH," "AAHHNN," and "NAHNAH" are all possible sequences. How many total sequences are possible?

METEORITES For Exercises 5 and 6, use the following information.

Over the course of several years, Kendra managed to collect 7 meteorites. Each one is unique.

5. For a school science fair, Kendra displays her meteorites in a row. How many ways are there to order the meteorites?

6. She decides to trade three of her meteorites for a telescope after the fair. How many ways can she pick out 3 meteorites from her collection?