



Probability Investigations

Multiplication Counting Principle

Suppose you can make a first choice in *m* ways and a second choice in *n* ways. Then there are m * n ways to make the first choice followed by the second choice. Three or more choices can be counted in the same way, by multiplying.

- 1. A person can enter the stadium shown at the right through any gate and can exit through any gate. In how many different ways can a person enter and exit the stadium? $\frac{1}{(ways to enter)} * \frac{1}{(ways to exit)} = \frac{1}{(total ways to enter and exit)}$
- 2. Draw a tree diagram to show all possible ways to enter and exit the stadium.

Entry gate: Exit gate: ____ _____ 3. Do you think that all the ways to enter and exit are equally likely? Explain your answer. **4.** How many ways are there to enter and exit the same stadium if a person may not leave by the same gate through which he or she entered? 5. Sally takes a guiz with three true or false guestions. She does not know the answer to any of the questions, so she guesses on all three. **a.** On the back of this page, draw a tree diagram to show Sally's possible results. **b.** What is the probability that she will get all three questions correct? _____