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There are 9 letters and A, S, and O all occur twice.

$$\text{Number of ways to arrange the letters} = \frac{9!}{2!2!2!} = 45\,360 \quad \checkmark$$

There is only 1 correct way to spell SASKATOON.

$$P(\text{winning a car}) = \frac{1}{45\,360} = 2.2 \times 10^{-5} \quad \checkmark$$

Sally's probability of winning a car increases if the contest word is SASKATOON instead of SASKATCHEWAN. 

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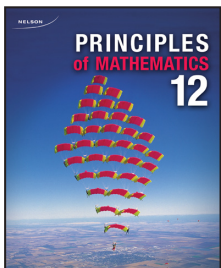
- a. If all 5 of Blake's children are girls, there must be 4 girls at home.

$$\begin{aligned} P(4 \text{ girls at home}) &= \frac{\text{number of ways to have 4 girls at home}}{\text{number of ways to have 4 kids at home}} \quad \checkmark \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2} = \frac{1}{16} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

The probability of having all girls is $\frac{1}{16}$ or 6.25%.

- b. $P(\text{at least 1 boy}) = 1 - P(\text{all girls})$ 

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{16} = \frac{15}{16} \quad \checkmark$$



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Yes. It does not matter where the other 12 people sit because they are part of the calculation for favourable outcomes and total outcomes. The number of ways that these 12 people can be seated is $12!$. Because $\frac{12!}{12!} = 1$, you do not need to consider them in the calculations. ✓

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Using permutations: $\frac{{}_4P_3}{{}_{11}P_3} = \frac{24}{990} = 0.0\overline{24}$ ✓

Using combinations: $\frac{{}_4C_3}{{}_{11}C_3} = \frac{4}{165} = 0.0\overline{24}$ ✓