

	Core skills Homework	Year 7	Week 18.5.2015
	Numeracy	Subject focus: English	
Name			

Probability

Read the extract below

Night fell. There was no moon, and the stars looked sparse and adrift in the punished sky. Queen Wealththeow paced the corridors, wringing her white hands until the knuckle bones nearly pierced the delicate flesh. Unferth, drunk, his buckle belt undone, leaned from the turret to scan the murky marsh.

Questions part A

1. How many words are there altogether?
2. How many capital letters are there in the extract?
3. What is a verb?
4. How many verbs are there in the extract?
5. What is an adjective?
6. How many adjectives in the extract?

Questions part B

Using the information you found in part A calculate the probabilities of the following (hint- write a probability as a fraction out of the total number of words).

1. Work out the probability of finding a verb in the following extract.
2. Work out the probability of finding an adjective in the extract.
3. Work out the probability of finding a word that starts with a capital letter