

Putting a number to chance - answers

A. by working out all the possible outcomes

The chance that a particular person will win the main prize in the National Lottery.

The chance that a person will throw a six with an ordinary dice.

B. by using statistics

The chance that a person will recover from pneumonia.

The chance that a driver will have a car accident.

The chance that house prices will fall next year.

C. by an estimate or guess

The following list includes events that are difficult to put a value to. They have no timescale, which makes it even harder to decide.

The chance that a cure for the common cold will be found.

The chance that all cars will be banned from city centres.

The chance that the earth has been visited by intelligent alien life.

The chance that all hospitals will all be privatised.

The chance that the UK police will be armed as a matter of course.