



# 13.3 EXERCISES

## HOMEWORK KEY

-  = **WORKED-OUT SOLUTIONS**  
on p. WS1 for Exs. 7 and 25
-  = **TAKS PRACTICE AND REASONING**  
Exs. 14–19, 25, and 28

### SKILL PRACTICE

**EXAMPLE 1**  
on p. 856  
for Exs. 3, 4



**EXAMPLE 2**  
on p. 857  
for Exs. 5–15


- VOCABULARY** Copy and complete: A(n) ? is a selection of objects in which order is not important.
- WRITING** Explain how a combination differs from a permutation.
- COMBINATIONS** How many combinations of 3 letters from the list A, B, C, D, E, F are possible?
- ERROR ANALYSIS** Describe and correct the error in listing all of the possible combinations of 2 letters from the list A, B, C.
 

AB	BA	CA	✗
AC	BC	CB	
- ERROR ANALYSIS** Describe and correct the error in evaluating  ${}_9C_4$ .
 

$${}_9C_4 = \frac{9!}{(9-4)!} = \frac{9!}{5!} = 3024$$
✗

#### COMBINATIONS Evaluate the expression.

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|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 6. ${}_5C_1$     | 7. ${}_8C_5$     | 8. ${}_9C_9$     | 9. ${}_8C_6$     |
| 10. ${}_{12}C_3$ | 11. ${}_{11}C_4$ | 12. ${}_{15}C_8$ | 13. ${}_{20}C_5$ |
14.  **TAKS REASONING** What is the value of  ${}_{10}C_6$ ?
- (A) 7                      (B) 60                      (C) 210                      (D) 151,200
15.  **TAKS REASONING** You have the first season of your favorite television show on a set of DVDs. The set contains 13 episodes. You have time to watch 3 episodes. How many combinations of 3 episodes can you watch?
- (A) 286                      (B) 572                      (C) 1716                      (D) 589,680

 **TAKS REASONING** In Exercises 16–19, tell whether the question can be answered using *combinations* or *permutations*. Explain your choice, then answer the question.

- Four students from your class of 120 students will be selected to organize a fundraiser. How many groups of 4 students are possible?
- Ten students are auditioning for 3 different roles in a play. In how many ways can the 3 roles be filled?
- To complete an exam, you must answer 8 questions from a list of 10 questions. In how many ways can you complete the exam?
- In how many ways can 5 people sit in a car that holds 5 passengers?
- WRITING** Which is greater,  ${}_6P_r$  or  ${}_6C_r$ ? Justify your answer.
- REASONING** Write an equation that relates  ${}_nP_r$  and  ${}_nC_r$ . Explain your reasoning.
- CHALLENGE** Prove that  ${}_nC_r = {}_nC_{n-r}$ . Explain why this makes sense.