

Want to be a Millionaire?

How to choose your lottery numbers!

How do you choose your lottery numbers? Do you choose family birthdays, house numbers or some other combination? There is evidence to show that a random selection is the best way to do it.

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“Very little information has been disclosed about what combinations UK players have chosen. Apparently, at one stage, 10,000 people were selecting the numbers 1 to 6, while the most popular single choice is said to be those multiples of seven, {7,14,21,28,35,42}. Of course, after every draw, we learn how many players shared the jackpot, and hence exactly how many selected that particular combination that draw. Almost one time in six, no-one has won a jackpot share; and one time in five, one winner has scooped the entire jackpot pool. At the other extreme, 133 people selected the winning combination {7,17,23,32,38,42}, while on another occasion 57 chose {2,12,19,28,38,48}.

Whatever numbers you select, and whether or not you remain faithful to the same combination every draw, your chance of winning, and the average number of prizes, are not affected. The only “skill” is in selecting combinations that fewer other players use, leading to higher prizes - but we have little direct knowledge of other players’ choices.”

