

Adverbs of Possibility and Frequently



This week, we are going to look at specific kinds of adverbs.
Who can remember what an adverb is?



An adverb is a word or phrase that usually describes a verb, but can describe another adverb or adjective.

Adverbs can describe time, manner, place, frequency or possibility.

Many adverbs (particularly adverbs of manner) end in the suffix -ly.



Click on
the words
to sort
them into
groups

Look at these adverbs. Can you sort them into two groups?
Can you give each group a suitable heading?

Adverbs of Frequency

frequently

often

occasionally

rarely

always

certainly

rarely

often

perhaps

probably

frequently

possibly

occasionally

definitely

always

Adverbs of Possibility

certainly

definitely

possibly

perhaps

probably

We often use adverbs of frequency and possibility when we are answering questions.



Let's start with the adverbs of frequency; write these words down on your whiteboard.

always

☐

frequently

☐

often

☐

occasionally

☐

rarely

☐

Can you put that into a sentence?



How often do
you read a
book before
bedtime?

always

☐

frequently

☐

often

☐

occasionally

☐

rarely

☐

For example: *I always read a book before bedtime as I am a self-confessed book worm!*

Can you put that into a sentence?



How often do
you use the
Internet?

always

☐

frequently

☐

often

☐

occasionally

☐

rarely

☐

For example: *I often use the Internet at school and at home to help me with my work.*

Can you put that into a sentence?



How
frequently
are you
unkind to
people?

always

☐

frequently

☐

often

☐

occasionally

☐

rarely

☐

For example: I am rarely unkind to people except for when my younger brother is being annoying!

Now let's try and answer some survey questions
using adverbs of possibility.



Write these
words down
on your
whiteboard.

certainly

☐

definitely

☐

probably

☐

perhaps

☐

possibly

☐

Can you put that into a sentence?



How likely
are you to
win a prize
this year?

certainly

☐

definitely

☐

probably

☐

perhaps

☐

possibly

☐

For example: I could possibly win a prize this year as I enter a lot of sporting competitions.

Can you put that into a sentence?



How likely is
it that you
will play in
the snow this
year?

certainly

☐

definitely

☐

probably

☐

perhaps

☐

possibly

☐

For example: *I will probably get to play in the snow this year
if we have a bad winter.*

Can you put that into a sentence?



How likely is
it that you
will become
famous one
day?

certainly

☐

definitely

☐

probably

☐

perhaps

☐

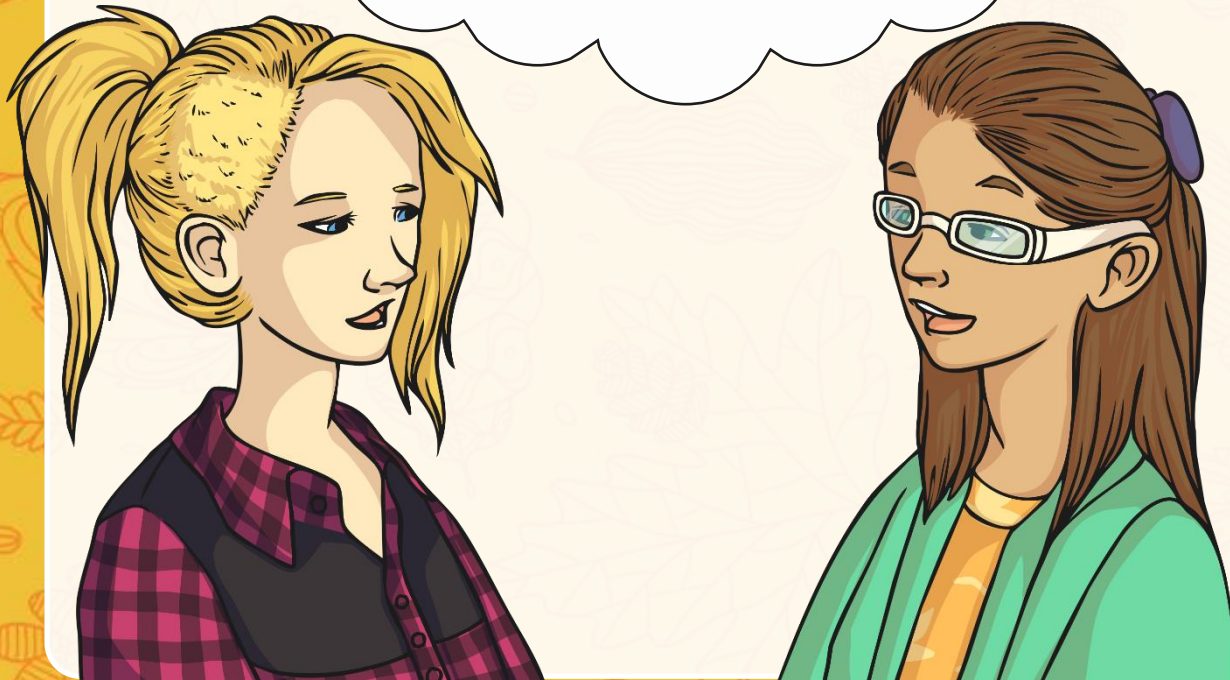
possibly

☐

For example: *I will definitely become famous one day because of my excellent gymnastic skills.*

Here are your spelling words for this week.

Work hard to practise these
adverbs of possibility and
frequency.



Week 5

Adverbs of frequency and possibility

certainly

definitely

possibly

perhaps

probably

frequently

often

occasionally

rarely

always

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