Year 5 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Adverbs of Possibility Warm-Up







What Is an Adverb?

Can you remember what an adverb does? Which of these are adverbs?

Sort them into the correct places in the table.

Adverbs				Not Adverbs					
happily	lonely	very	rainy	busy	yester	day	always		
totally	smelly	daytime	ang	grily	furious	sad	daily		

Which Word Is Being Modified?

In the following sentences an adverb has been circled, but which word is it modifying?

1. Sam eats his crisps noisily.

verb

2. I am so excited about our school trip to the zoo.

adjective

3. She could possibly be the worst driver in the world.

verb

4. Jacob walked incredibly slowly to the head's office.

adverb

5. Kara has amazingly bright pink hair at the moment.

adjective

Extension:

Can you identify which part of speech the modified words were?

Classifying Adverbs

Adverbs can be grouped into types; time, place, manner, degree, frequency and possibility. Can you group the following?

Adverbs of Adverbs of Place		Adverbs Manne		Adverbs of Degree		Adverbs of Frequency		Adverbs of Possibility			
daily	here	yesterda	u downs	tairs	very	cer	tainly	defin	itelu	fast	
everywh		slowly	3		never		ten	nearly		pelow	
quite	alwa	ıys nov	v really	really som		times in		credibly las		st year	
			possi	bly	maybe						

Adverbs of Possibility Scale

Adverbs of possibility tell us how likely something is to happen.

certainly

definitely

maybe

possibly

surely

clearly

obviously

perhaps

probably

Can you order them in terms of how certain something is?

least certain

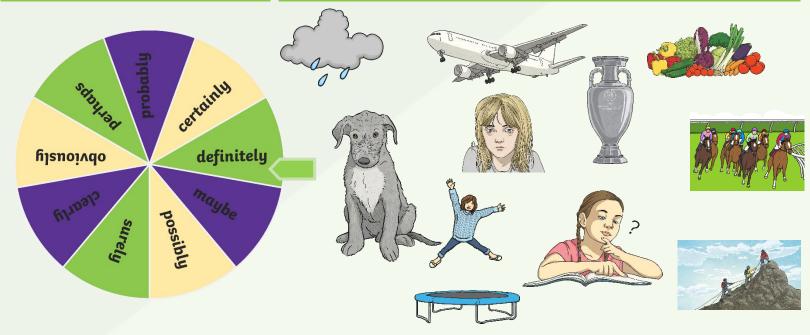
most certain

How did you organise the adverbs?

Do you and your partner agree on the same order? If not, discuss why.

Spin the Wheel

Spin the wheel to select an adverb of possibility to use in your sentence. Choose a picture to write an interesting sentence about using the adverb of possibility that you have selected to explain how likely something is to happen.



Spin

Share your ideas with your partner and compare your sentences.

Next

How Certain Is It?

What do you think travel will be like fifty years from now? Will we still go on trains and buses or will hoverboards and time travel have taken over? Write a description of what travel will be like using adverbs of possibility to explain how certain you think events are going to be.

certainly definitely maybe possibly surely clearly obviously perhaps probably

Example beginning:

Clearly, people will still want to travel in fifty years but the way they do so will definitely be different from today. Trains will probably still exist but they will surely be much faster (and have less delays) than they are these days.

Adverbs of Possibility Quick Quiz 1

Highlight the adverb of possibility in each of the following sentences:

I will **probably** go to the school disco on Friday.

We will certainly win this football game because we are 12-0 up after just twenty minutes.

If it doesn't rain, I will possibly play on my trampoline after school.

Surely, we should finish our homework before we go out to play.

Zach is definitely the tallest child in our class.

Adverbs of Possibility Quick Quiz 2

Which event is the author most certain about?

The rabbits are certainly guilty of stealing the carrots from our garden.

Helena was obviously unwell when she arrived at school this morning.

Perhaps I should have explained in more detail what the task entailed.

Maybe we'll visit the museum again soon.

Adverbs of Possibility Quick Quiz 3

Choose an adverb of possibility to complete each of the following sentences depending on how likely you think that they are to happen:

England will win the next football World Cup.

I will remember to pack a toothbrush.

We will have a BBQ if the weather warms up this weekend.

The sun will come out tomorrow.

Possible Answers

England will perhaps win the next football World Cup.

I will probably remember to pack a toothbrush.

We will possibly have a BBQ if the weather warms up this weekend.

The sun will certainly come out tomorrow.



