

Varied Fluency

Step 3: Recognising Adverbs to Indicate Degrees of Possibility

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 5: (5G1.6) [Using adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility](#)

English Year 5: (5G1.6) [Indicating degrees of possibility using adverbs \[for example, perhaps, surely\]](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support recognising adverbs to indicate degree of possibility in single-clause sentences. Uses adverbs which show clear certainty or uncertainty.

Expected Questions to support recognising adverbs to indicate degree of possibility in single and multi-clause sentences. Uses adverbs which show certainty or uncertainty where other types of adverb are used.

Greater Depth Questions to support recognising adverbs to indicate degree of possibility in multi-clause sentences. Uses adverbs which show certainty or uncertainty, including adverbs which show certainty in negative situations.

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Recognising Adverbs to Indicate Degrees of Possibility

1a. Highlight all adverbs that indicate possibility.

later certainly between
bravely unlikely definitely



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1b. Highlight all adverbs that indicate possibility.

unlikely before definitely
certainly maybe weekly



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2a. Order the adverbs in the sentences below from least to most likely.

- A. It is definitely going to rain.
- B. Maybe I will go swimming later.
- C. I will probably do my homework tonight.
- D. It is looking unlikely that the trip will go ahead.



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2b. Order the adverbs in the sentences below from least to most likely.

- A. It is likely to snow in December.
- B. Perhaps it will stop hailing soon.
- C. My dad will probably be late home.
- D. The garden definitely needs tidying up.



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3a. Which adverb would be best suited to the following sentence?

She was _____ very surprised.

definitely unlikely



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3b. Which adverb would be best suited to the following sentence?

The bus is _____ to be on time.

unlikely certainly



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4a. Highlight all adverbs that indicate possibility.

wherever	possibly	probably
already	curiously	likely
nervously	of course	surely



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4b. Highlight all adverbs that indicate possibility.

eventually	maybe	surely
sometimes	perhaps	obviously
potentially	suddenly	where



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5a. Order the adverbs in the sentences below from least to most likely.

A. Maybe we should pack our suitcases tonight so we are not rushing tomorrow.

B. It is unlikely that we will be able to go to the museum as there was a fire earlier.

C. We could potentially flood our house if we don't fix the burst pipe soon.

D. I definitely need to buy some sun cream and toiletries before the trip this weekend.



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5b. Order the adverbs in the sentences below from least to most likely.

A. It is certainly going to be an eventful weekend.

B. Perhaps you would like to choose a different book from the library.

C. I'll probably have to take the bus today because our car has broken down.

D. Surely it would be better if we worked together as a team.



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6a. Which adverb would be best suited to the following sentence?

We could _____ win the lottery this week when the draw is made on Saturday.

possibly	surely	probably
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6b. Which adverb would be best suited to the following sentence?

My relatives could _____ come to England next year if they can afford the flights.

of course	likely	potentially
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7a. Highlight all adverbs that indicate possibility.

conceivably	yearly	indeed
eventually	evidently	truly
anxiously	over	hardly



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7b. Highlight all adverbs that indicate possibility.

undoubtedly	plausibly	doubtless
immediately	arrogantly	rarely
potentially	nervously	perhaps



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8a. Order the adverbs in the sentences below from least to most likely.

A. If my friend can't get hold of another ticket to the football game, my brother could potentially give up his ticket.

B. If it doesn't stop pouring down, the athletics team will probably have to practise indoors.

C. The children are likely to come in from break time covered in mud as it has been raining heavily all morning.



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8b. Order the adverbs in the sentences below from least to most likely.

A. Even though I am tired, I could potentially work the evening shift at the supermarket.

B. Perhaps we could hire a company to come into school and perform instead of everybody travelling to the theatre.

C. Undoubtedly, I am not going to compete in this year's marathon as I haven't done any training in the run up to the event.



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9a. Which adverb would be best suited to the following sentence?

We could _____ catch the next train, if we run as fast as we can and don't get stuck in a queue of passengers waiting on the platform.

truly	indeed	conceivably
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9b. Which adverb would be best suited to the following sentence?

_____ I put far too much mashed potato on your plate, as you've hardly touched it, so next time I will only give you half as much.

undoubtedly	plausibly	evidently
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Developing

- 1a. **certainly, unlikely, definitely**
- 2a. **D, B, C, A**
- 3a. **definitely**

Expected

- 4a. **possibly, probably, likely, of course, surely**
- 5a. **B, A, C, D**
- 6a. **possibly**

Greater Depth

- 7a. **conceivably, indeed, evidently, truly, hardly**
- 8a. **A, B, C**
- 9a. **conceivably or indeed**

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Developing

- 1b. **unlikely, definitely, certainly, maybe**
- 2b. **B, C, A, D**
- 3b. **unlikely**

Expected

- 4b. **maybe, surely, perhaps, obviously, potentially**
- 5b. **B, C, D, A**
- 6b. **potentially**

Greater Depth

- 7b. **undoubtedly, plausibly, doubtless, potentially, perhaps**
- 8b. **B, A, C**
- 9b. **evidently or undoubtedly**