

# Adverbs of possibility

Practise using adverbs to show how likely an action is



**i** Adverbs provide extra information about a verb. This can happen in different ways: most simply, adverbs can explain *when*, *how* and *where* the verb happens (children will already have learnt about these). Adverbs can be used in more advanced ways for other reasons: one of these is the *possibility or likelihood* of something happening. These adverbs include words such as *certainly*, *definitely* and *probably* (but not *may* or *might* - these are verbs).

**A**

Circle the adverb that shows the possibility of the main verb:

I can definitely help you tomorrow.

He had probably changed his mind.

Perhaps she is upset because you pinched her.

That plant will certainly die if you don't water it.

**B**

Make sentences using these adverbs:

probably: .....

obviously: .....

certainly: .....

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Which adverb best describes what will happen?

Your snowman will ..... melt now it is sunny and warm.

possibly ☐      definitely ☐      maybe ☐      probably ☐

Write about what you will or won't do after school using an adverb of possibility (remember: *might* is not an adverb).

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**CHALLENGE**  
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