

Adverbs of Possibility

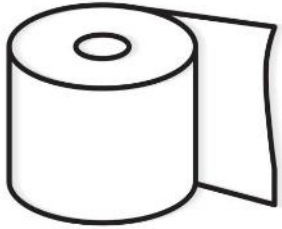
What are **adverbs of possibility**?

Why and where might we use them?



Adverbs

An **adverb** can tell you more about a **verb**.
Some **adverbs** tell us how *certain* we are about the **verb**.



We will *probably* eat crisps.

We will *possibly* make decorations from pasta.

We will *definitely* have an amazing day.



These **adverbs** are useful for talking about the future.

ANSWER

Adverbs

You can order these **adverbs** by possibility/certainty.



certainly

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definitely

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possibly

maybe

probably

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What order would you put these in?



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What order would you put these in? Do you agree with this ordering?



Adverbs

Adverbs of possibility usually go before the **main verb**.



*They **certainly** **need** to think creatively.*

*Matt and Maria **definitely** **want** to be married.*

Some **adverbs** of possibility can go *at the beginning* of the sentence .

***Maybe**, they will be able to hold a party later.*

***Perhaps**, they will celebrate with friends using video-calls.*

When the adverb opens the sentence,
punctuate with a **comma**.



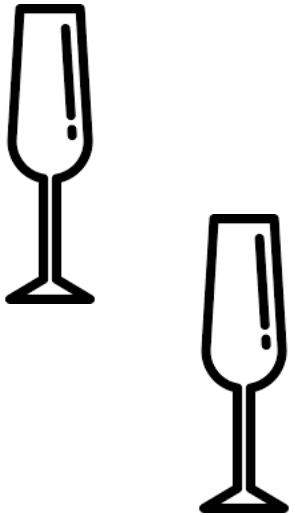
These **adverbs** modify the
whole clause.

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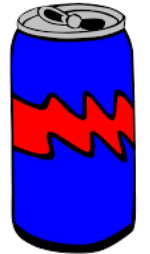
Adverbs



Which sentence is most certain?



- Maybe, they'll drink fizzy pop in champagne flutes.*
- Perhaps, they'll drink fizzy pop in champagne flutes.*
- Surely, they'll be drinking fizzy pop in champagne flutes.*
- Definitely, they'll drink fizzy pop in champagne flutes.* ✓



Adverbs of possibility: perhaps, maybe, possibly, probably, surely, definitely, certainly

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