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	/ b	ousy	yeste	erday	always
totally	smelly	daytime	а	ingrily furious		urious	sa	daily
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Which Word Is Being Modified?

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

- 1. Sameats 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 Time	Adverbs of Place		Adverbs of Manner		Adverbs of Degree		Adverbs of Frequency		Adverbs of Possibility	
daily he	r j	yesterday	downsta	airs	very	cer	tainly	defin	itely	fast
everywher		slowly	happily		neve	of	ten	nearly	' k	pelow
quite	way	s now	really	SO	metime	in	credibly	/ las	st yea	r
			possib	ly	maybe					

Adverbs of Possibility Scale

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

certainly

definitely

maybe

possibly

surely

clearly

obviously

perhap

probably

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

least certain

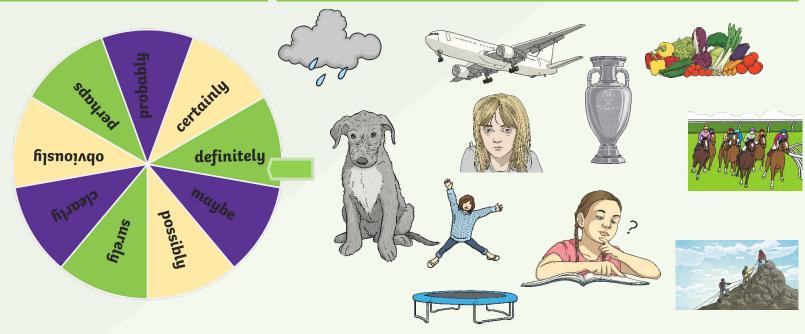
most certain

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	pe	rhap	probably					
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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

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.