

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

yesterday

always

totally

smelly

daytime

angrily

furious

sa
d

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 Time	Adverbs of Place	Adverbs of Manner	Adverbs of Degree	Adverbs of Frequency	Adverbs of Possibility

daily her yesterday downstairs very certainly definitely fast
everywhere slowly happily never often nearly below
quite always now really sometime incredibly last year
possibly 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

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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.

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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

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.