

Application and Reasoning

Step 4: Using 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:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Reasoning)

Developing Use an adverb which shows certainty or uncertainty in single-clause sentences. For example, 'It is likely you will win the contest.'

Expected Use an adverb which shows certainty or uncertainty in multi-clause sentences. Includes sentences with different types of adverbs. For example, 'The children were unlikely to tiptoe into the playground as they would all be too keen to run around and scream.'

Greater Depth Use an adverb which clearly shows certainty or uncertainty in multi-clause sentences. Includes sentences with different types of adverbs. Uses adverbs to show certainty in negative situations. For example, 'Maybe she forgot her medical appointment this afternoon because she was very busy at work and lost track of time.'

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Rewrite a sentence to create two different degrees of certainty by changing the adverb in a single-clause sentence.

Expected Rewrite a sentence to create two different degrees of certainty by changing the adverb in a multi-clause sentence. Includes sentences with different types of adverbs.

Greater Depth Rewrite a sentence to create two different degrees of certainty by changing the adverb in a multi-clause sentence. Includes sentences with different types of adverbs. Uses adverbs to show certainty in negative situations.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Identify the sentence with the most or least certainty using adverbs which show certainty or uncertainty in single-clause sentences.

Expected Identify the sentence with the most or least certainty using an adverb which shows certainty or uncertainty in multi-clause sentences. Includes sentences with different types of adverbs.

Greater Depth Identify the sentence with the most or least certainty using a complex adverbs in multi-clause sentences that show certainty or uncertainty in multi-clause sentences. Includes sentences with different types of adverbs. Uses adverbs to show certainty in negative situations.

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1a. Rewrite the sentence below to include an adverb from the word bank.

This summer was one of the hottest and driest there has been.

definitely

probably

unlikely

Explain the degree of certainty.



R

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1b. Rewrite the sentence below to include an adverb from the word bank.

We will be late for the film.

probably

definitely

certainly

Explain the degree of certainty.



R

2a. Rewrite the sentence below and fill in the blank to give two different meanings: one where it is certain and one where it is uncertain.

We have _____ all been good friends since school.



A

2b. Rewrite the sentence below and fill in the blank to give two different meanings: one where it is certain and one where it is uncertain.

The new car was _____ better than the last one we had.



A

3a. Which sentence is the most certain? Explain your reasoning.

A. The snow is definitely due to fall tonight.

B. The snow is surely due to fall tonight.



R

3b. Which sentence is the most certain? Explain your reasoning.

A. The tickets will maybe sell out very quickly.

B. The tickets will probably sell out very quickly.



R

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4a. Rewrite the sentence below to include an adverb from the word bank.

The birthday balloons will pop when they are pressed hard or if they are placed near to a sharp object.

definitely	likely
perhaps	possibly

Explain the degree of certainty.



R

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4b. Rewrite the sentence below to include an adverb from the word bank.

The grass will be ready to mow this weekend because it hasn't rained for several days.

perhaps	almost
unlikely	surely

Explain the degree of certainty.



R

5a. Rewrite the sentence below and fill in the blank to give two different meanings: one where it is certain and one where it is uncertain.

We could _____ all meet up to go to the concert together, and go for a nice meal beforehand.



A

5b. Rewrite the sentence below and fill in the blank to give two different meanings: one where it is certain and one where it is uncertain.

The pottery will _____ be ready to collect next weekend, once they have been fired in the clay oven.



A

6a. Which sentence is the most certain? Explain your reasoning.

A. The chicken will perhaps be cooked in time for us to eat it and still be able to go out before 7 o'clock.

B. The chicken will of course be cooked in time for us to eat it and still be able to go out before 7 o'clock.



R

6b. Which sentence is the most certain? Explain your reasoning.

A. That was undoubtedly one of the best productions I have ever watched at the theatre.

B. That was potentially one of the best productions I have ever watched at the theatre.



R

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7a. Rewrite the sentence below to include an adverb from the word bank.

Thanks to my neighbours, I can book my deliveries when I'm not at home, as they have kindly offered to collect them for me.

definitely	possibly
potentially	perhaps

Explain the degree of certainty.



R

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7b. Rewrite the sentence below to include an adverb from the word bank.

As a result of the road closure, he chose to drive a different route, so that he could avoid any problems.

perhaps	definitely
certainly	potentially

Explain the degree of certainty.



R

8a. Rewrite the sentence below and include an adverb to give two different meanings: one where it is certain and one where it is uncertain.

She had forgotten about our plans, due to the hectic week she had, so she unfortunately missed the play.



A

8b. Rewrite the sentence below and include an adverb to give two different meanings: one where it is certain and one where it is uncertain.

The Cornish coastline is a delightful place to holiday where you can enjoy good weather whilst taking time to relax and explore the beautiful scenery.



A

9a. Which sentence is the most certain? Explain your reasoning.

A. Although the sports cars race around the track at an amazing speed, they are undoubtedly no louder than a lot of the normal traffic.

B. Although the sports cars race round the track at an amazing speed, they are potentially no louder than a lot of the normal traffic.



R

9b. Which sentence is the most certain? Explain your reasoning.

A. Due to the early sales, everyone will probably be out shopping at the weekend to buy all their holiday shopping, ready for Christmas.

B. Due to the early sales, everyone will obviously be out shopping at the weekend to buy all their holiday shopping, ready for Christmas.



R

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Developing

1a. Various answers, for example: This summer was definitely one of the hottest and driest there has been. The use of 'definitely' suggests with certainty that it was the hottest summer.

2a. Various answers, for example: We have certainly all been good friends since school. We have probably all been good friends since school.

3a. Sentence A is the most certain because 'definitely' suggests it is certain to happen when compared to 'surely'.

Expected

4a. Various answers, for example: The birthday balloons will likely pop when they are pressed hard or if they are placed near to a sharp object. The use of 'likely' suggests that they could pop but it isn't certain.

5a. Various answers, for example: We could surely all meet up to go to the concert together, and go for a nice meal beforehand. We could potentially all meet up and go to the concert together, and go for a nice meal beforehand.

6a. Sentence B is the most certain because 'of course' suggests it is certain to happen.

Greater Depth

7a. Various answers, for example: Thanks to my neighbours, I can potentially book my deliveries when I'm not at home, as they have kindly offered to collect them for me. The use of 'potentially' suggests that they might be able to do it in the future.

8a. Various answers, for example: Clearly, she had forgotten about our plans due to the hectic week she had, so she unfortunately missed the play. Perhaps she missed the play because she had forgotten about our plans due to the hectic week she had.

9a. Sentence A is the most certain because 'undoubtedly' suggests a greater degree of certainty than 'potentially'.

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Developing

1b. Various answers, for example: We will certainly be late for the film. The use of 'certainly' suggests with certainty that they will be late.

2b. Various answers, for example: The new car was definitely better than the last one we had. The new car was possibly better than the last one we had.

3b. Sentence B is the most certain because 'probably' suggests there is a higher chance something is likely to happen when compared to 'maybe'.

Expected

4b. Various answers, for example: We will definitely be late for the film. The use of 'definitely' suggests with certainty that they will be late.

5b. Various answers, for example: The pottery will certainly be ready to collect next weekend, once they have been fired in the clay oven.

The pottery will possibly be ready to collect next weekend, as they will have been fired in the clay oven.

6b. Sentence A is the most certain because 'undoubtedly' suggests certainty.

Greater Depth

7b. Various answers, for example: As a result of the road closure, he chose to drive a different route, so that he could potentially avoid any problems. . The use of 'potentially' suggests a possibility that he would avoid any problems.

8b. Various answers, for example: Undoubtedly, the Cornish coastline is a delightful place to holiday where you can enjoy good weather whilst taking time to relax and explore the beautiful scenery. The Cornish coastline is a delightful place to holiday where you can potentially enjoy the good weather whilst taking time to relax and explore the beautiful scenery.

9b. Sentence B is the most certain because 'obviously' suggests there is a stronger certainty of something happening when compared to 'probably'.