

Year 5 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Adverbs of Possibility

Warm-Up



What Is an Adverb?

Can you remember what an adverb does? Which of these are adverbs?

Adverbs give more information about verbs (doing words).

Adverbs			Not Adverbs		
happily	very		lonely		
				busy	angry
	daily	always		furiously	sad
			rainy		
angrily		totally		smelly	
					daytime

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

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

least certain

most certain



Adverbs of Possibility Examples

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.