

Modal Adverbs

Name: _____

Modal adverbs are words that show how certain, likely, possible, or necessary something is. They help us understand the speaker's opinion or level of confidence about an action or event.

Order each row of words from low modality (not very certain) to high modality (very certain):

likely	definitely	might
certainly	maybe	probably
possibly	always	usually

low modality	medium modality	high modality

Circle the sentence showing the MOST certainty.

- It might rain later today.
- It is likely to rain today.

Circle the sentence showing the LEAST certainty.

- Our teacher will definitely notice the mess.
- Our teacher will probably notice the mess.

Underline the modal adverb in each sentence.
Place a marker on the scale to show certainty.



Alison: Will it rain today? _____
Ben: It will likely rain later this afternoon. -----

low high

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Olivia: Did Tom break the window? _____
Hannah: He clearly kicked the ball too hard. -----

low high

_____ _____

Why is Chloe absent today?
Mia: Perhaps she is feeling unwell. -----

low high

_____ _____

Dad: Is the shop open?
Ella: It is probably open because the lights are on. -----

low high

_____ _____

Zac: Is Emma coming soon?
Lily: She is definitely coming after soccer practice. -----

low high

_____ _____

Ethan: Are you taking part in the swimming carnival?
George: Maybe I will enter the freestyle race. -----

low high

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