95 Offers and saying sorry

Noah and Ava are getting married. Sonja is an old girlfriend of Noah's, and Noah has invited her to the **wedding**. Ava doesn't like Sonja very much. Do you think Sonja will **attend** the wedding?

100%	**CERTAIN**	Yes, She'll **definitely** go.
	PROBABLE	Yeah, **I think so**. Yeah, she's **likely to** go. Yeah, she'**ll probably** go. I think there's **a (good) chance** that she'll go.
	POSSIBLE	I think she { **may** / **might** } go. Yeah, **maybe/perhaps**.
	UNLIKELY	No, **I don't think so**. No, I don't think she'll go.
0%	**IMPOSSIBLE**	No, she definitely won't go.

GLOSSARY

wedding	a time when a man and woman get married
attend *formal*	go to or be present at a place where sth is happening
certain	sure about sth **certainly** *adv* SYN **definitely**
probably	If sth will **probably** happen, you think it will happen but you are not sure. **probable** *adj*
likely (to)	If sth is **likely to** happen, it will probably happen.
chance	a possibility that sth may happen. A **good chance** means it is more probable.
possible	If sth is **possible**, it can happen. OPP **impossible**; **possibility** *n*
maybe	a word that shows that sth is possible SYN **perhaps**
may	a word that shows that sth is possible, and will perhaps happen. SYN **might**: *He **may/might** come with us.* (NOT ~~*He may/might to come with us.*~~)

SPOTLIGHT *I think so / I hope so*

You can use these expressions if you think or hope something is going to happen. Notice the difference in the negative.

- *Are you going? ~ Yes,* ***I think so.*** (= it is likely that this will happen)
- *Is the exam difficult? ~ No,* ***I don't think so.***
- *Will you get more money? ~* ***I hope so.*** (= I would like this to happen)
- *Is it going to rain? ~* ***I hope not.***

1 Underline the main stress in these words. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶ possible
1 certainly
2 impossible
3 possibility
4 definitely
5 likely
6 probably
7 perhaps

2 Are the sentences similar in meaning or different? Write *S* or *D*.

▶ It's certainly true. / It's definitely true. S
1 The team will probably win. / The team will definitely win. .....
2 I may stay in tonight. / I might stay in tonight. .....
3 John and Shar are likely to come. / John and Shar will definitely come. .....
4 Will Jo come? ~ Maybe. / Will Jo come? ~ Perhaps. .....
5 Is it sunny outside? ~ I think so. / ~ I hope so. .....
6 I'm probably going to change jobs. / I'm likely to change jobs. .....
7 I think it's likely. / I think it's impossible. .....
8 There's a chance it will happen. / There's a possibility it will happen. .....

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3 One word is missing in each sentence. What is it, and where does it go?

▶ Is Marta coming with you? ~ It's not / but I think she will. certain

1 I probably work this evening. .....

2 My parents are not likely come this afternoon. .....

3 Are you going tonight? ~ Yes, I think. .....

4 Have you lost your money? ~ No, I hope. .....

5 I think there's chance that he'll be here. .....

6 Are you seeing Jacob this evening? ~ I'm not sure. I see him. .....

4 Complete the conversations.

▶ A Are you going tonight?
B I don't know yet. Perhaps .....

1 A What are you doing this evening?
B I'll p..... stay at home, and I m..... finish reading my book.

2 A Who's coming to the cinema this evening?
B Well, Elle will d..... come, and Briony will p..... come with her. And I think three or four more are l..... to come. So, about seven or eight, including us.

3 A What are you doing this weekend?
B I'm going to a w..... . My cousin is getting married.
A Well, enjoy yourself.
B Thanks. It will c..... be interesting – I don't think the two families like each other very much.

4 A Is the team going to win this weekend?
B Yes, there's a good c..... we will – we're playing quite well.

5 A What are you doing next week?
B I have to a..... an important meeting for my company in Manchester.
A Are you going to drive?
B I don't think that's l..... : it's a long way. I m..... take the train. Then I can work.

6 A Will everyone come to the meeting this afternoon?
B There's a p..... they will all be here, but I don't think s..... .

7 A Are you leaving at the end of the year?
B Well, m..... , but nothing's c..... yet. I'll p..... decide at the end of this month.

8 A Will you finish the exercise by the end of the lesson?
B No, that's i..... . It's really difficult.

5 ABOUT YOU Answer the questions using words and phrases from page 184.

▶ Are you going to do anything this evening? I might do some work. I'm not sure.

1 Are you going to have a good weekend? .....

2 Are you going to go out with friends? .....

3 Are you going to stay at home on Sunday? .....

4 Are you going to do any work? .....

5 Are you going to watch much TV? .....

6 Are you going to spend a lot of money? .....

7 Are you going to visit other members of your family? .....

8 Are you going to go shopping? .....

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