

Next week in the life of pessimistic Poppy, aged 15



- Sunday:** I'm going to a barbecue next Saturday. I'll **definitely** see Max (the boy I fancy).
- Monday:** My best friend Sarah said she's going. She's prettier than me, so Max is more likely to fancy her.
- Tuesday:** I've got nothing to wear - I **doubt** that he'll even notice me.
- Wednesday:** If he does speak to me, I **expect** he'll think I'm silly.
- Thursday:** I've heard there's another party on Saturday - Max **might** go there instead.
- Friday:** There's a **good chance** it'll rain tomorrow. The barbecue will be a disaster.
- Saturday:** Woke up with a **spot** on my face - I'm definitely not going. It's so **unfair**!

GLOSSARY

pessimistic (about sth)	always believing bad things will happen OPP optimistic
definitely	certainly; for sure
fancy sb inf	be sexually attracted to sb
likely (to do sth)	If sth is likely , it will probably happen. OPP unlikely (to do sth)
doubt (that)	think that sth probably will not happen or is not true
expect	think or believe sth will happen
silly	not sensible or clever; stupid
might	used to say that sth is possible SYN may
a chance	a possibility a good chance a more than 50% possibility
spot	an unpleasant red or yellow mark on the skin. Many teenagers have them.
unfair	not right, or not having the same advantages as sb else OPP fair

1 Good news or bad? Write G or B.

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| ► I'm optimistic about the weather. <u>G</u> | 4 I've got a big spot on my nose. |
| 1 They fancy each other. | 5 She's very unlikely to fail the test. |
| 2 She thinks he's silly. | 6 There's a good chance we'll win. |
| 3 The exam results were very unfair. | 7 I don't expect to get the job. |

2 Complete the definitions.

- If you are **pessimistic** that something will happen, you believe it won't happen.
- 1 If something is **definitely** going to happen, it will _____ happen.
- 2 If something is **likely to** happen, it will _____ happen.
- 3 If something **might** happen, you can also say that it _____ happen.
- 4 If there's **a chance** that something will happen, it means it's _____ that it will happen.
- 5 If you **expect** something to happen, it means you _____ it will happen.
- 6 If you think that something is **unlikely**, it means it is _____ not going to happen.
- 7 If you **doubt that** something will happen, it means you _____ think it is going to happen.
- 8 If you are **optimistic**, you always believe that _____ things will happen.

3 Rewrite the sentences using the word in capital letters.

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| ► I'm not sure if we'll go out or not. | MIGHT | <u>We might go out.</u> |
| 1 It's probable we'll lose the match. | LIKELY | _____ |
| 2 I'm sure you'll get there on time. | DEFINITELY | _____ |
| 3 I'm not sure if Keira will come. | MAY | _____ |
| 4 It's 75/25 whether they'll win the election. | CHANCE | _____ |
| 5 I don't think we'll see the film at 10.00. | DOUBT | _____ |
| 6 I think prices will probably go up. | EXPECT | _____ |
| 7 I don't think the sales results will be good. | PESSIMISTIC | _____ |



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