

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?

GLOSSARY

wedding	a time when a man and woman get married
attend <i>formal</i>	go to or be present at a place where sth is happening
certain	sure about sth certainly <i>adv</i> SYN definitely
probably	If sth will probably happen, you think it will happen but you are not sure. probable <i>adj</i>
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 <i>n</i>
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 : <i>He may/might come with us.</i> (NOT <i>He may/might to come with us.</i>)

100% 0%	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 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{may} \\ \text{might} \end{array} \right.$ go.
	Yeah, maybe/perhaps .	
UNLIKELY	No, I don't think so.	
	No, I don't think she'll go.	
IMPOSSIBLE	No, she definitely won't go.	

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.

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

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

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| ▶ 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. | |

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? _____



TEST YOURSELF