What to do today

1. Read a poem
   • Read *Certainty*. Read the poem twice: once in your head and once out loud. What did you like about the poem? What did you dislike? What patterns can you find?
   • Watch the poem being performed: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IUlymdLjK4
   • Was it as you expected? What did you notice in the performance?

2. Remind yourself about adverbs of possibility
   • Use the *PowerPoint* on Adverbs of Possibility or if this is not possible then remind yourself using the *Revision Cards*.
   • Complete *Adverbs of Possibility Sentences*.

3. Now for some writing
   • Think about your life in six-month’s time. What possibilities could be there? What can you be sure about? Record your ideas on the *Table of Certainty*.
   • Try turning some of your ideas into a poem. You could use some of the patterns from Matt Abbott’s poem.

*Well done. Show your poem to a grown-up. Show them the patterns that you have included.*

Try these Fun-Time Extras
   • Make a recording of your poem and share it with someone else.
   • Use the Table of Certainty to interview others about their ideas of the future. What will they possibly, maybe and certainly be doing?
Certainty

Amongst the chaos and confusion,
the only certainty I’ve got,
is that in six-month’s time,
we’ll be tying the knot.

Our honeymoon might be a beer garden.
Our wedding meal, a bag of crisps.
But we’ll count our smiles as favours,
and high-fives as wedding gifts.

Our band might be karaoke.
Our cake, from corner shop.
Our first dance in our kitchen
with flutes of fizzy pop.

Decorations made out of pasta
and toilet rolls galore.
Whatever changes in the next few months,
of one thing I am sure.

In six months’ time,
we’ll be husband and wife,
And none of this will feel real.
In six months’ time: it’s the rest of our lives,
and our love will be stronger than steel.

By Matt Abbott
Adverbs of Possibility – Revision Card

Adverbs of possibility
An adverb can tell you more about a verb. Some adverbs tell us how certain we are about the verb.

We will probably eat crisps.
We will possibly make decorations from pasta.
We will definitely have an amazing day.

Adverbs
You can order these adverbs by possibility/certainty.

perhaps  
possibly  
maybe  
surely  
probably  
definitely  
certainly

LESS CERTAIN | | | | | CERTAIN

What order would you put these in? Do you agree with this ordering?

Adverbs
Adverbs of possibility usually go before the main verb.

They certainly need to think creatively.
Matt and Maria definitely want to be married.

Some adverbs of possibility can go at the beginning of the sentence.

Maybe, they will be able to hold a party later.
Perhaps, they will celebrate with friends using video-calls.

When the adverb opens the sentence, punctuate with a comma.

These adverbs modify the whole clause.
Adverbs of Possibility

perhaps
maybe
possibly
probably
surely
definitely
certainly
Adverbs of Possibility Sentences

Read these sentences. Underline the verbs.
Add an adverb of possibility to each sentence. (Look at the list on the previous page.)

1. ________________, Maria and Matt are looking forward to their wedding.

2. A wedding party in lockdown would ________________ be a challenge.

3. They are ________________ unlucky to have to plan a wedding in lockdown.

4. If you want to have a memorable time, you should ________________ think creatively.

5. ________________, Matt thought that his poem would make people smile.

6. People can ________________ identify with the situation that they are in.

7. If I was planning a celebration, I would ________________ use music as part of it.

8. ________________ cheerful dance music could create the right atmosphere.
## Table of Certainty

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In Six-Month’s Time

Try writing your ideas as a poem here.