11.3 Adverbs of Possibility: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

The Sports Day Forecast

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Mrs Adeyemi checked the weather app on the classroom screen and frowned. 'It will probably rain during first break,' she said, 'but the forecast might change by lunchtime.' Zara was certain the sun would come out in time for the relay race; she had definitely seen a patch of blue sky earlier that morning. Tom was less hopeful. 'We could possibly get soaked before the egg-and-spoon race even starts,' he muttered, tightening the laces on his trainers. At registration, the head teacher announced that Sports Day would perhaps be moved indoors if the rain continued, though nobody wanted that to happen. By ten o'clock the clouds had thinned, and Mrs Adeyemi admitted that the afternoon events would maybe go ahead as planned after all. Zara's team, the Red Kites, had trained every lunchtime that week, so they were surely in with a strong chance of winning the relay. As the children lined up for the first race, the sky cleared completely, and the sun shone for the rest of the day.

1 Words that show possibility are not always adverbs. Some are modal verbs (for example might, could, must). Sort the words in the box into the correct column of the table below.

Word bank: might | perhaps | could | certainly | must | probably

Modal verb of possibility	Adverb of possibility

(6)

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2 Underline the adverb of possibility in each sentence.

(a) Maybe we should take an umbrella to school. **(1)**

(b) The team will possibly reach the final this year. **(1)**

(c) He is probably the fastest runner in our class. **(1)**

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3 Circle the verb that each adverb of possibility is describing.

(a) The library probably closes at five o'clock. **(1)**

- ☐ A) closes
- ☐ B) five

(b) Perhaps the letter arrived this morning. **(1)**

- ☐ A) arrived
- ☐ B) morning

(c) The kitten certainly enjoys the new toy. **(1)**

- ☐ A) enjoys
- ☐ B) toy

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4 Each sentence below has an adverb of possibility in the wrong position. Rewrite the sentence with the adverb moved to the correct place.

(a) The train arrives probably late on Fridays. **(1)**

(b) Our neighbours are moving house possibly next month. **(1)**

(c) The shop will open certainly earlier during the holidays. **(1)**

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Question 1

might sorted as a modal verb cao	**B1**
could sorted as a modal verb cao	**B1**
must sorted as a modal verb cao	**B1**
perhaps sorted as an adverb cao	**B1**
certainly sorted as an adverb cao	**B1**
probably sorted as an adverb cao	**B1**

Answer: **Modal verb of possibility: might, could, must. Adverb of possibility: perhaps, certainly, probably.**

Question 2

(a) Maybe underlined cao	**B1**
(a) Answer: **Maybe**	
(b) possibly underlined cao	**B1**
(b) Answer: **possibly**	
(c) probably underlined cao	**B1**
(c) Answer: **probably**	

Question 3

(a) A circled (closes) cao	**B1**
(a) Answer: **A) closes**	
(b) A circled (arrived) cao	**B1**
(b) Answer: **A) arrived**	
(c) A circled (enjoys) cao	**B1**
(c) Answer: **A) enjoys**	

Question 4

(a) probably moved before the main verb arrives cao (also accept the adverb at the start of the sentence)	**B1**
(a) Answer: **The train probably arrives late on Fridays.**	
(b) possibly moved to directly after are cao (also accept the adverb at the start of the sentence)	**B1**
(b) Answer: **Our neighbours are possibly moving house next month.**	
(c) certainly moved between will and open cao (also accept the adverb at the start of the sentence)	**B1**
(c) Answer: **The shop will certainly open earlier during the holidays.**	

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