11.3 Adverbs of Possibility: Test Pack

about 15 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 An adverb of possibility tells us how likely something is. Tick the adverb of possibility in each sentence.

(a) It will probably rain this afternoon. **(1)**

- ☐ A) probably
- ☐ B) rain
- ☐ C) afternoon

(b) Perhaps the bus will be late today. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Perhaps
- ☐ B) bus
- ☐ C) late

(c) She has definitely tidied her room. **(1)**

- ☐ A) definitely
- ☐ B) tidied
- ☐ C) room

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(d) The parcel will certainly arrive by Friday. **(1)**

- ☐ A) parcel
- ☐ B) certainly
- ☐ C) arrive

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2 Sort the words in the box into the correct column of the table below. Three words are adverbs of possibility and three are adverbs of manner.

Word bank: perhaps | brightly | possibly | fiercely | probably | quietly

Adverb of possibility	Adverb of manner

(6)

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3 Rewrite each sentence so that it uses the word class given in brackets instead, keeping a similar level of possibility.

(a) It will possibly rain tomorrow. (Rewrite using a MODAL VERB instead of the adverb.) **(2)**

(b) The parcel might arrive today. (Rewrite using an ADVERB OF POSSIBILITY instead of the modal verb.) **(2)**

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4 Write a short weather forecast for tomorrow (two to three sentences). You must use at least THREE different adverbs of possibility, and they must not all show the same level of certainty - include at least one word that shows near-certainty and at least one that shows real doubt.

(3)

5 Choose the best adverb from the box to complete each sentence. Use each word once.

Word bank: undoubtedly | conceivably | presumably | apparently

(a) The parcel has not arrived yet; ___ it was delayed by the bad weather. **(1)**

(b) Our team trained every single day, so we will ___ win the shield this year. **(1)**

(c) It is ___ possible to finish the crossword before the bell, though it will not be easy. **(1)**

(d) ___, Tom had already eaten his lunch before the whistle blew, because his lunchbox was empty. **(1)**

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Question 1

(a) A ticked (probably) cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **A) probably**

(b) A ticked (Perhaps) cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **A) Perhaps**

(c) A ticked (definitely) cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **A) definitely**

(d) B ticked (certainly) cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **B) certainly**

Question 2

perhaps sorted as an adverb of possibility cao **B1**

possibly sorted as an adverb of possibility cao **B1**

probably sorted as an adverb of possibility cao **B1**

brightly sorted as an adverb of manner cao **B1**

fiercely sorted as an adverb of manner cao **B1**

quietly sorted as an adverb of manner cao **B1**

Answer: **Adverbs of possibility: perhaps, possibly, probably. Adverbs of manner: brightly, fiercely, quietly.**

Question 3

(a) a suitable modal verb of possibility used in place of will possibly, correctly positioned, e.g. It might rain tomorrow. / It could rain tomorrow. (oe, 1 mark for a correct modal verb, 1 mark for a grammatically correct sentence) **B2**

(a) Answer: **It might rain tomorrow. (or It could rain tomorrow.)**

(b) a suitable adverb of possibility used with will, correctly positioned, e.g. The parcel will possibly arrive today. / The parcel will perhaps arrive today. (oe, 1 mark for a correct adverb, 1 mark for a grammatically correct sentence) **B2**

(b) Answer: **The parcel will possibly arrive today. (or The parcel will perhaps arrive today.)**

Question 4

first correctly positioned adverb of possibility used **B1**

second, different, correctly positioned adverb of possibility used **B1**

third, different, correctly positioned adverb of possibility used, and the set of adverbs shows at least two different levels of certainty **B1**

Answer: **Example: Tomorrow will definitely start cloudy, and rain will probably arrive by midday. The sun might perhaps break through by teatime, but nobody can be sure.**

Question 5

(a) presumably cao (also accept apparently if part d uses presumably) **B1**

(a) Answer: **presumably**

(b) undoubtedly cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **undoubtedly**

(c) conceivably cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **conceivably**

(d) Apparently cao (also accept Presumably if part a uses apparently) **B1**

(d) Answer: **Apparently**

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