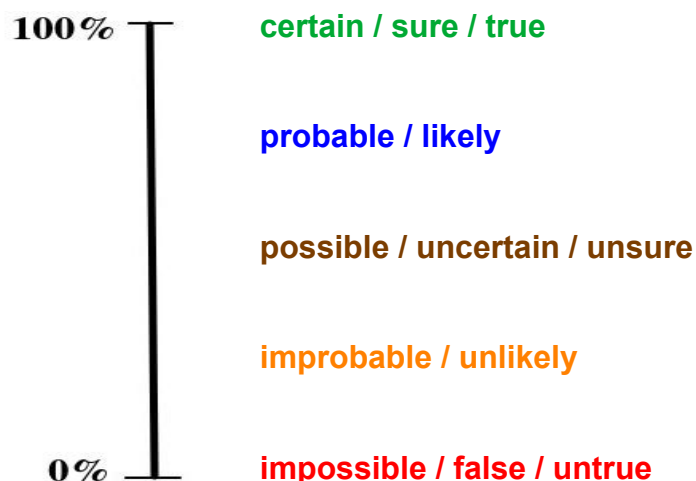


## English Vocabulary: Certainty, Probability & Possibility



<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Adverb</u>	<u>Noun</u>
<b>certain</b>	<b>certainly</b>	<b>certainty</b>
<b>sure</b>	<b>surely</b>	<b>sureness</b>
<b>true</b>	<b>truly / truthfully</b>	<b>truth</b>
<b>probable</b>	<b>probably</b>	<b>probability *</b>
<b>likely</b>	----	<b>likelihood</b>
<b>possible</b>	<b>possibly</b>	<b>possibility</b>
<b>uncertain</b>	<b>uncertainly</b>	<b>uncertainty</b>
<b>unsure</b>	<b>unsurely</b>	<b>unsureness</b>
<b>improbable</b>	<b>improbably</b>	<b>improbability</b>
<b>unlikely</b>	----	<b>unlikelihood</b>
<b>impossible</b>	<b>impossibly</b>	<b>impossibility</b>
<b>false</b>	<b>falsely</b>	<b>falsehood (= lie)</b>
<b>untrue</b>	<b>untruly / untruthfully</b>	<b>untruth</b>

\* The words “**chances**” and “**odds**” are synonyms of “**probability**”:

- What is the **probability** of winning the lottery? (*singular*)
- What are the **chances** of winning the lottery? (*plural*)
- What are the **odds** of winning the lottery? (*plural*)

A grammatical difference:

I **am** certain / I **am** sure / **Are** you certain? / **Are** you sure?    The verb “**to be**”

**Tenho** certeza / **Tem** certeza?    The verb “**ter**” (“**to have**”)

**Exercise.** Complete the following sentences with a word from above. In most cases, there is more than one possible answer.

1. Incredible! What are the \_\_\_\_\_ that this would happen!
2. Amazing! I also bought a blue car this week! What is the \_\_\_\_\_ !?
3. It is very \_\_\_\_\_ that it will be cold tomorrow.
4. Your claim that the virus only attacks babies is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A: Do you think that it will rain tomorrow? B: It's \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A: Are you \_\_\_\_\_ that this is the right way? B: Yes – I am \_\_\_\_\_!
7. Teacher: Peter! Tell me the \_\_\_\_\_! Please don't lie!
8. A: Do you think that climate change will continue? B: \_\_\_\_\_!
9. In your opinion, what is the \_\_\_\_\_ that the president will be re-elected?
10. It's almost \_\_\_\_\_ to win the lottery!