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## Mini Lesson 101 - Expressing Degrees of Certainty with 'Surely', 'Definitely', 'Probably'

Understanding how to express degrees of certainty is important for clear communication. The words 'surely', 'definitely', and 'probably' help us convey how confident we are about something happening.

- **Surely**: This word expresses a high level of certainty. It means that you are very confident about something.

Example: Surely, it will rain tomorrow.

- **Definitely**: This word also shows a strong level of certainty, indicating that something is unequivocally true or will happen.

Example: I will definitely go to the party.

- **Probably**: This word indicates a moderate level of certainty. It suggests that something is likely to happen, but it's not guaranteed.

Example: She will probably come to the meeting.

How to use these words:

- Use 'surely' to express strong assurance.
- Use 'definitely' to confirm something with certainty.
- Use 'probably' when you think something is likely, but not certain.





### Exercises:

#### Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using 'surely', 'definitely', or 'probably'.

1. He is \_\_\_\_\_ going to win the competition; he trained very hard.
2. If it keeps raining, we will \_\_\_\_\_ have to cancel the picnic.
3. She is \_\_\_\_\_ the best player on the team; no one has scored more goals than her.
4. You should \_\_\_\_\_ ask your teacher for help if you don't understand the homework.
5. The train is \_\_\_\_\_ going to arrive late; it usually does.
6. They will \_\_\_\_\_ finish their project by the deadline.
7. I can't say for sure, but he will \_\_\_\_\_ be there.

#### Section 2: Choose the Correct Word

Circle the correct word in each sentence.

1. She (surely/definitely/probably) forgot her keys at home.
2. I (surely/probably/definitely) want to see that movie; it looks exciting!
3. It will (definitely/probably/surely) be a great concert this weekend.
4. He is (definitely/surely/probably) the fastest runner in our class.
5. They will (surely/probably/definitely) come over for dinner tonight.





### Section 3: Correct the Mistakes

Identify and correct the mistakes in the use of 'surely', 'definitely', or 'probably'.

1. He surely forgot to bring his book to school yesterday.

- Correction: He \_\_\_\_\_ forgot to bring his book to school yesterday.

2. I probably will not be able to attend the event.

- Correction: I \_\_\_\_\_ will not be able to attend the event.

3. She definitely be at the meeting tomorrow.

- Correction: She \_\_\_\_\_ be at the meeting tomorrow.

4. The weather is surely to be nice this weekend.

- Correction: The weather is \_\_\_\_\_ to be nice this weekend.

5. You will definitely enjoy the movie; it is funny and charming.

- (No correction needed)

### Section 4: Complete the Conversation

Fill in the blanks with 'surely', 'definitely', or 'probably'.

A: Do you think we will finish the project on time?

B: Yes, we will \_\_\_\_\_ make it if we work hard.

A: And we will \_\_\_\_\_ get a good grade!

B: I hope so! If we keep focusing, we will \_\_\_\_\_ impress the teacher.

A: I agree!





Answers:

Section 1:

1. surely
2. definitely
3. definitely
4. surely
5. probably
6. definitely
7. probably

Section 2:

1. probably
2. definitely
3. definitely
4. surely
5. probably

Section 3:

1. He probably forgot to bring his book to school yesterday.
2. I definitely will not be able to attend the event.
3. She will definitely be at the meeting tomorrow.
4. The weather is surely to be nice this weekend. (could be "probably")
5. (No correction needed)

Section 4:

1. definitely
2. surely
3. probably

