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? Was there anything that you disliked? What patterns can you find? What would you like to ask the poet?
- Watch the poem being performed: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IUIymdLjK4
- 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 months' 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,
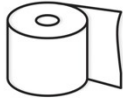of one thing I am sure.

In six-month's time,
we'll be husband and wife,
And none of this will feel real.
In six-month's 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.

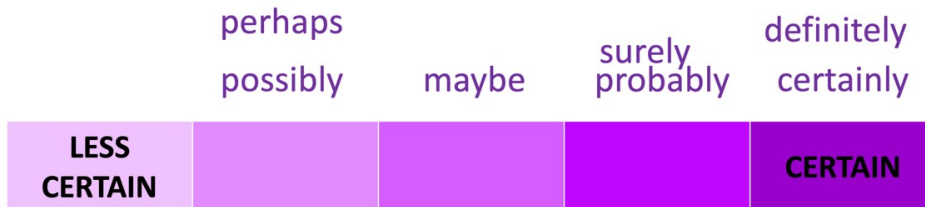*We will definitely have an amazing day.*

These adverbs are useful for talking about the future.

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. Find and mark the verbs, then find and mark the adverbs of possibility.

Try changing the adverbs of certainty. Can you find one that will work just as well? Can you find any that change the meaning? Can you find any that sound awkward or unnatural?

Try changing the word order. Listen to the difference. How does it sound?
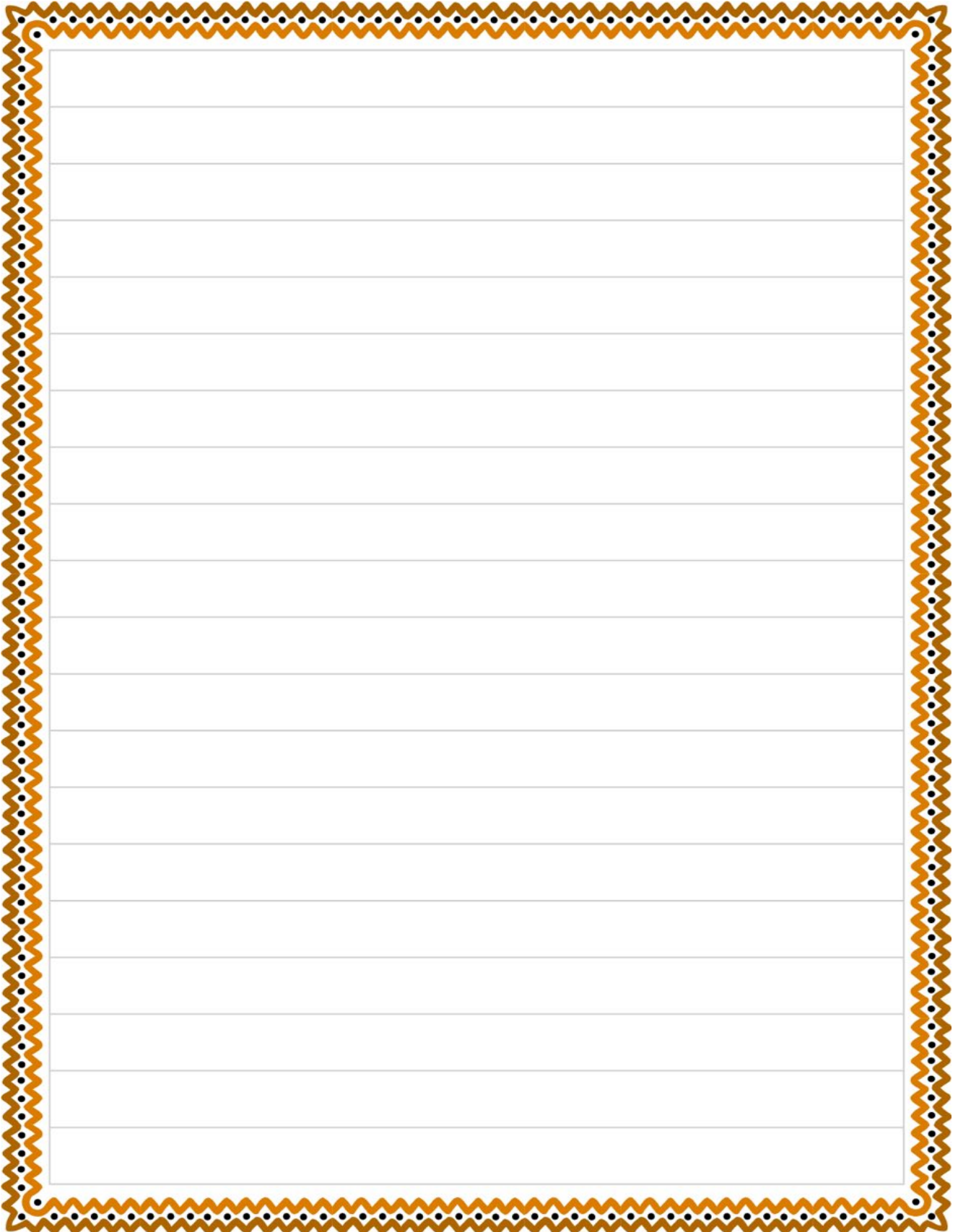
1. Probably, Maria and Matt are looking forward to their wedding.

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

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

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

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

6. Maybe, people can identify with the situation that they are in.

Table of Certainty

Perhaps Possibly	Maybe Surely	Certainly Definitely

In Six-Month's Time

Try writing your ideas as a poem here.