

### Probability

Verb

Adj + Probability Expression

Noun

\*

かもしれない "Might; maybe"

おそらく 多分 <たぶん> "Probably"  
"Perhaps;  
likely;  
probably"

でしょう / だ  
ろう "Pro-  
bably" に違いない /  
に違いありま  
せん "For sure;  
surely"

<20%

Formal Formal

50-50  
chance

<80%

—Used when a chance of something happening is low

—Used in a business setting.  
**XXDONTs:** Cannot use to speculate listener's thoughts or feelings. But can be used to speculate the third party's feelings or thoughts

—Volitional form of the verb だ (to be).

—Big chance of something happening

**XXDONTs:** Not used in a business setting as it sounds childish.

—To speculate listener's thought or feelings

★★★ Modal Adverbs:

★★★ Words used with this grammar:

★★★ Modal Adverbs:

もしかしたら / もしかすると = Should both be understood as 'perhaps' or 'maybe' rather than probably. Given the hint in the name - もし means 'if'.

と思います. "I think..."

きっと

ひょっとしたら / ひょっとすると "Perhaps; maybe; possibly"

★★★ Words used with this grammar: ね / よ



\* (cont)

もしかしたら、明日- 雨が降るかもしれな い。 Tomorrow, it might rain.	おそらく 100ま んえんになると思 います。 I think it will probably be 1 million yen.	多分ちがいま す。 That's probably wrong.	□□つかれているでしょ う。 You are probably tired. / You must be tired.	きっと、明日雨が降る に違いない。 Tomorrow, it will surely rain.
---	--	--	---	---

田中さんはパー ティーで寿司を食べ たかも。 Mr Tanaka might have eaten sushi at the party.	たぶんあの人は イギリス人だと思 う。 I think that person is probably British.	【辛かった】つかったでしょ。一人で【寂し かった】さびしかったでしょ。でももう大丈夫。私が あなたをまもるよ。 It must have been tough. You must've been lonely all alone. But it's okay now. I'll protect you.	田中さんはパー ティーで寿司を食べた に違いありません。 Mr Tanaka surely ate sushi at the party.
---	--	--	---

彼女は家で勉強して いるかも。 She is studying at home.		何かくさい。。。おならした。 Something smells... You farted, didn't you? (Making a specul- ation)	パリのホテルは高いに 違いない。 Hotels in Paris are surely expensive.
--	--	---	---

もしかしたらイギリ  
ス人じゃないかな。  
I think he's probably  
British.

\*

!□!□Note: かも is not a noun but a particle; thus you must omit な for な adjective. しれない comes from the verb しれる (to become known; to be obvious). しれない can be omitted but when you are going to add another sentence, you have to put かもしれない。

### Adverbs of Probability

必ず (かならず)- "Certainly"	きっと "I'm sure..." "Surely..."	ぜひ "Please, by all means..." "I definitely want to..."	確かに (たしかに) "Certa- inly" "Sure" *	絶対 (ぜったいに) "Absolutely"
---------------------------	----------------------------------	---	--------------------------------------	----------------------------

C

By jennilee  
[cheatography.com/jennilee/](https://cheatography.com/jennilee/)

Not published yet.  
Last updated 30th September, 2024.  
Page 2 of 5.

Sponsored by [Readable.com](https://readable.com)  
Measure your website readability!  
<https://readable.com>

### Adverbs of Probability (cont)

100% certain	80% correct prediction	ぜひ + したい / しょう / ください	100% sure because you witnessed it yourself	100% no matter what
-Use in affirmative sentence	-When you think YOUR prediction is 80% correct about things other than yourself such as: feelings and actions of other people and things you cannot control.	Nuance: It is not easy to do but I will achieve it	-Used for affirmative / negative sentence	-Same usage as 必ず) but this can be used in affirmative and negative sentence
<b>XXDONTs:</b> Can't use is negative sentence Like ないで、ません	-Used for affirmative / negative sentence	If you want to make a strong request with all your heart. This emphasizes strong feelings  -Used in conjunction with the request representation, aspiration, solicitation  <b>XXDONTs:</b> Can't use is negative sentence	<b>XXDONTs:</b> Not used in the future tense	
その本はかならず売れる。That book will certainly sell.	あの人はきっとおまつりに行かないよ。That person surely will not go to the festival.	私はぜひそこで【働く】はたらきたい。I would really like to work there.	たしかに、このペンはとても書きやすいです。This pen is certainly very easy to write with.	ぜったいにダメです。Absolutely not.
彼は必ずここに来ます。He will definitely come here.	きっとごうかくします。I'm sure I will pass.	ぜひ、こんど家へ遊びに来てください。Definitely please come over to hang out sometime.	確かに【合格】ごうかくしました。I'm certainly sure I passed. / Surely passed.	明日はぜったいに7時に起きます。Absolutely, I will get up at 7 o'clock tomorrow.



### Adverbs of Probability (cont)

私は必ずごうかくします。 I will definitely pass.	私の日本語は(きっと/必ず)よくなりま す。 My Japanese will definitely improve.	ぜひ【合格】ごうかくしたいです。 I definitely want to pass. (It is difficult but I will pass)	絶対に【合格】ごうか くします。 Absolutely pass.
--------------------------------------	---	---	---



By **jennilee**  
[cheatography.com/jennilee/](https://cheatography.com/jennilee/)

Not published yet.  
Last updated 30th September, 2024.  
Page 5 of 5.

Sponsored by **Readable.com**  
Measure your website readability!  
<https://readable.com>

