

# Goth Girl - Adverbs of Possibility



Maltravers definitely  
**sneaks** about the hall  
when everyone is  
asleep.

# Adverbs

Adverbs tell us more about a **verb**.

Adverbs of possibility tell us how **certain** we are about the **verb**.

*Maltravers is **definitely** hiding something.*

*Lord Goth will **possibly** win the bicycle race.*

*Ishmael will **perhaps** haunt Ada forever.*



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Adverbs of possibility usually go before the **main verb**.

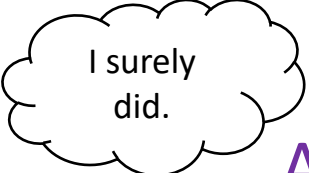
*The Attic Club **certainly** is a secret.*

*Mice **definitely** like cheese.*

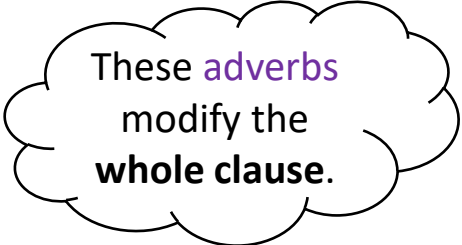
Some adverbs of possibility can go *at the beginning* of the sentence.

***Maybe**, Lucy Borgia will be able to help Ada.*

***Perhaps**, things will work out in the end.*



I surely  
did.



These **adverbs**  
modify the  
**whole clause**.

# Thinking about our Predictions

*Adverbs of possibility* are useful when discussing **opinions**.

Think about the **predictions** you made about *Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse*.

Which **predictions** are you more certain or less certain about?

*Certainly, Ada's next  
governess is...*

*Possibly, Marylebone  
is...*

*Maltravers is  
probably...*

**Adverbs of possibility:** perhaps, maybe, possibly, probably, surely, definitely, certainly