

Jack and the Beanstalk



Once upon a time, there was a boy called Jack. He lived with his mother and they had a cow.



One day, Jack's mother asked him to take the cow to market to sell. Jack met a man, who gave him some magic beans for the cow.



When Jack came home, his mother was angry. She threw the beans out and sent him to bed. The next morning, a giant beanstalk had grown! Jack climbed it.



When Jack reached the top, he saw a castle and went inside. Jack heard a loud noise and hid. An enormous giant came into the room with a hen and a golden harp. He shouted, "Lay!" and the hen laid an egg. Then "Sing!" and the harp sang. The giant fell asleep.



Jack took the hen and the harp. The harp shouted and the giant woke up. He chased Jack down the beanstalk. Jack shouted, "Help!" Jack's mother came out and chopped the beanstalk down with an axe. The giant fell to the ground. He was never seen again.



Jack and his mother lived happily ever after.

Questions about Jack and the Beanstalk

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. What was the boy called?

2. What animal did Jack and his mother have?

3. What did Jack get for the cow?

4. How did Jack's mother feel when Jack came home?

5. What had grown the next morning?

6. Who came into the room?

7. What did the giant do after the harp sang?

8. Where did the giant chase Jack?

Chance – likelihood

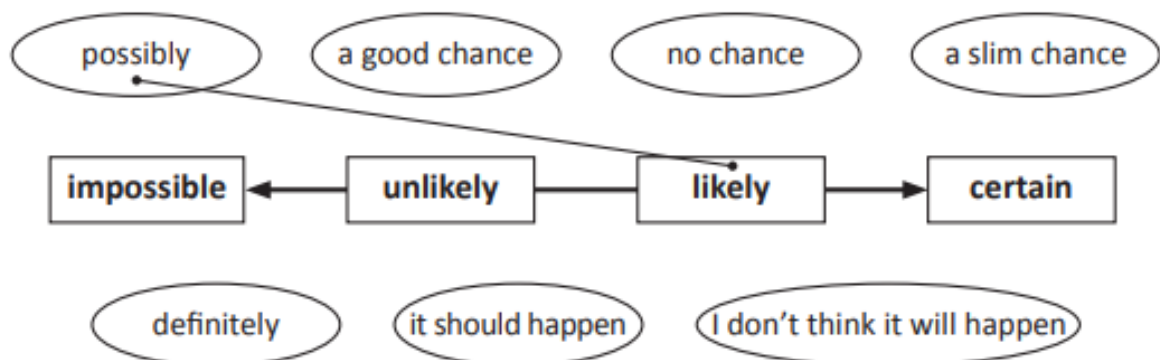
Chance is the likelihood that something will happen.
 If something will definitely happen, we say it is **certain**.
 If something might happen, we say it is **likely**.
 If something might not happen, we say it is **unlikely**.
 If something will definitely not happen, we say it is **impossible**. We can show these chance words on a chance arrow like this, where certain and impossible are opposites.



1 Often you will hear people using chance words in everyday conversation.

For example, on the news you might hear that there is a **good chance** of rain tomorrow. Or a friend might say to you there is a **slim chance** that they will make it to your party.

What do these chance words actually mean? Where do they fit on the chance arrow? Look at the words in the ovals below and connect them to where you think they should go on the chance arrow. The first one has been done for you.

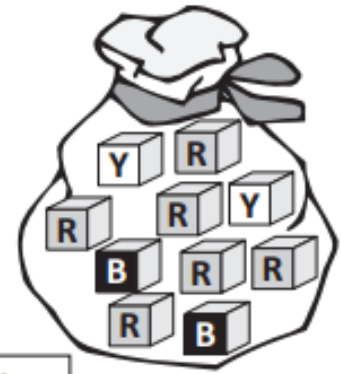


2 Read each statement and circle the chance of it happening:

| Event | Chance |
|--|--|
| It will rain sometime this month. | impossible / unlikely / likely / certain |
| Thursday will come after Wednesday. | impossible / unlikely / likely / certain |
| A tiger will be serving at the canteen. | impossible / unlikely / likely / certain |
| Every student in our class likes broccoli. | impossible / unlikely / likely / certain |

Chance – likelihood

- 5 Look at this bag of counters. Connect each colour to the chance arrow that you think best describes the chance of pulling out each colour:



- 6 Look at these shopping bags of fruit. Select the best chance word for each shopping bag:

a The fruit I pick will be a banana.



impossible / unlikely / likely

b The fruit I pick will be a strawberry.



impossible / unlikely / likely

- 7 Ten pieces of fruit are placed into this basket. Inside the basket is a mixture of bananas, oranges and apples. Circle the fruit that is inside the basket if a banana is most likely to be chosen without looking.

