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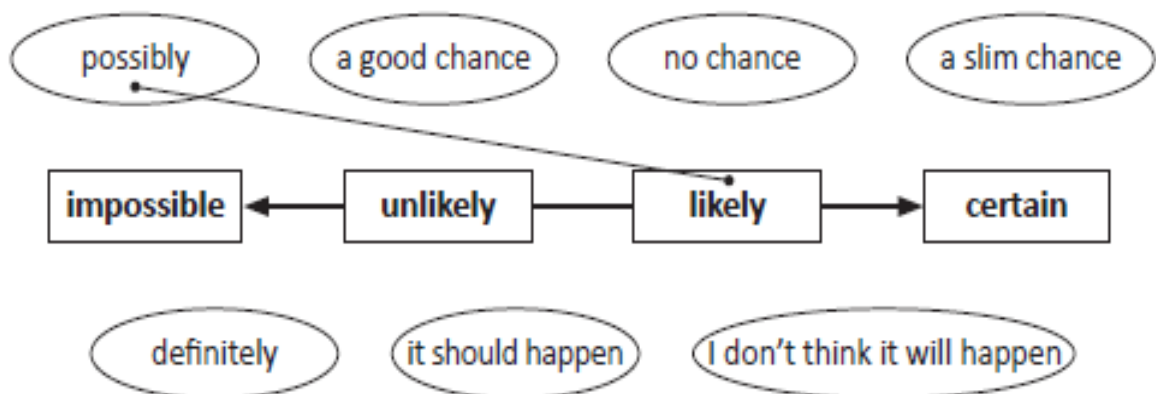If something might not happen, we say it is **unlikely**.
If something will definitely not happen, we say it is **impossible**. We can show these chance words on a chance arrow like this, where certain and impossible are opposites.

| impossible | ← | unlikely | — | likely | → | certain |

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.

possibly · a good chance · no chance · a slim chance

| impossible | ← | unlikely | — | likely | → | certain |

definitely · it should happen · I don't think it will happen

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