

**possibly**['pɒsəbli] *adv*

1) возможно, вероятно, может быть

he may possibly recover - он, возможно, поправится

the story is true, possibly - может быть /возможно/, это правдивая история

2) *усил.* в любом случае, любым путём; как только возможно

I cannot possibly do it - я просто не могу этого сделать

as soon as I possibly can - как только я смогу

how could you possibly think so? - как вы могли подумать?

it can't possibly do him any harm - во всяком случае, это не причинит ему ни малейшего вреда

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**pos·sibly** [possibly] *BrE* ['pɒsəbli] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* ['pɑːsəbli] <sup>u</sup> *adverb*

1. used to say that sth might exist, happen or be true, but you are not certain

**Syn:** ↑perhaps

• It was possibly their worst performance ever.

• She found it difficult to get on with her, possibly because of the difference in their ages.

• 'Will you be around next week?' 'Possibly.'

• 'I'm sure he didn't mean to be rude.' 'Quite possibly (= you may be right) , but the damage has been done.'

2. used to emphasize that you are surprised, annoyed, etc. about sth

• You can't possibly mean that!

• How could you possibly think that I had anything to do with it!

3. used to ask sb politely to do sth

• Could you possibly open that window?

4. used to say that sb will do or has done as much as they can in order to make sth happen

• I will come as soon as I possibly can.

• They tried everything they possibly could to improve the situation.

• We don't want these rumours to spread if we can possibly avoid it.

5. used with negatives, especially 'can't' and 'couldn't', to say strongly that you cannot do sth or that sth cannot or could not happen or be done

• I can't possibly tell you that!

• You can't possibly carry all those bags.

• 'Let me buy it for you.' 'That's very kind of you, but I couldn't possibly (= accept) .'

Language Bank:**perhaps***Making an opinion sound less definite*▪ Most cybercrime involves traditional crimes, such as theft and fraud, being committed in new ways. Phishing is **perhaps** ▪ / **possibly** ▪ / **probably** ▪ the best-known example of this.▪ It **seems** ▪ / **appears** ▪ that the more personal data which organizations collect, the more opportunity there is for this data to be lost or stolen.**It seems clear that** ▪ introducing national ID cards would do little to prevent identity theft.**It could be argued that** ▪ the introduction of national ID cards might actually make identity theft easier.**It is possible that** ▪ / **It may be that** ▪ the only way to protect ourselves against DNA identity theft is to avoid the creation of national DNA databases.Language Banks at ↑*impersonal*, ↑*opinion***possibly**

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**pos·sibly** **S1 W2** /'pɒsəbli, 'pɒsɪbli \$ 'pɑːsəbli- *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> *adverb*[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑possibility ≠ ↑impossibility, the impossible, ↑possible; **adverb:** ↑possibly ≠ ↑impossibly; **adjective:** ↑possible ≠ ↑impossible]1. used when saying that something may be true or likely, although you are not completely certain **SYN** perhaps, maybe :

▪ This last task is possibly the most difficult.

▪ It will take three weeks, possibly longer.

▪ 'Will you be here tomorrow?' 'Possibly.'

▪ 'Was it murder?' 'Quite possibly (=it is very likely).'

2. *spoken* used to emphasize that you are very surprised or shocked by something, or you cannot understand it:

▪ How could anyone possibly do such a thing?

3. **could/can you possibly spoken** used when making a polite request:

▪ Could you possibly close that window?

4. used to emphasize that someone will do or has done everything they can to help or to achieve something:

▪ We shall be contributing as much as we possibly can to the campaign.▪ Doctors did everything they possibly could to save his life.

5. used to emphasize that you cannot do something, or that something cannot or could not happen or be done

**can't/couldn't possibly**

▪ I can't possibly allow you to go home in this weather.

▪ She couldn't possibly have heard what was said.

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