

surely

['ʃʊəli] *adv*

1. *часто эмоц.-усил* конечно, непременно

he will surely fail - он наверняка потерпит неудачу; у него, конечно, ничего не выйдет
it surely cannot have been he - это, конечно, был не он; не может быть, чтобы это был он

2. несомненно

surely I have met you before - я, несомненно, встречал вас прежде
surely you will not desert me - не бросите же вы меня
you didn't want to hurt his feelings, surely - вы же не хотели его обидеть

3. верно, надёжно

slowly but surely - медленно, но верно

4. *амер.* обязательно, непременно (*в ответе*)

would you be willing to help? Surely! - можно ли рассчитывать на вашу помощь? - Разумеется!

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sure-ly [surely] *BrE* ['ʃʊəli] [☞] *BrE* ['ʃʊəli] [☞] *NAmE* ['ʃʊəli] [☞] *adverb*

1. used to show that you are almost certain of what you are saying and want other people to agree with you

- Surely we should do something about it?
- It's surely only a matter of time before he is found, isn't it?

2. used with a negative to show that sth surprises you and you do not want to believe it

- Surely you don't think I was responsible for this?
- 'They're getting married.' ' **Surely not!** '
- They won't go, surely?

3. (*formal*) without doubt; certainly

- He knew that if help did not arrive soon they would surely die.

4. (*old-fashioned, NAmE, informal*) used to say 'yes' to sb or to agree to sth

see slowly but surely at ↑slowly

Which Word?:**surely / certainly**

You use surely, especially in *BrE*, to show that you are almost certain about what you are saying and you want other people to agree with you: ▪ Surely this can't be right? Surely in negative sentences shows that something surprises you and you do not want to believe it: ▪ You're surely not thinking of going, are you?

Certainly usually means 'without doubt' or 'definitely', and is used to show that you strongly believe something or to emphasize that something is really true: ▪ I'll certainly remember this trip! In informal *NAmE* this would be: ▪ I'll sure remember this trip!

Compare: ▪ The meal was certainly too expensive (= there is no doubt about it) and ▪ The meal was surely too expensive? (= that is my opinion. Don't you agree?) ▪

In formal language only, surely can be used to mean 'without doubt': ▪ This will surely end in disaster.

note at ↑course, ↑sure

Example Bank:

- Surely you don't think I was responsible for this?

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sure-ly **S1 W2** /'ʃʊəli/ 'ʃʊəli/ *BrE* [☞] *AmE* [☞] *adverb*

1. [*sentence adverb*] used to show that you think something must be true, especially when people seem to be disagreeing with you:

- You must have heard about the riots, surely?
- There must surely be some explanation.
- Surely we can't just stand back and let this happen?

2. **surely not** *spoken* used to show you cannot believe that something is true:

- 'The chairman's just handed in his resignation.' 'Surely not.'

3. *formal* certainly:

- Such sinners will surely be punished.

4. *American English old-fashioned* used to say 'yes' to someone or to express agreement with them

⇒ slowly but surely at ↑slowly(2)

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