

possible**1. ['pɒsəb(ə)] n****1. возможное**

the limits of the possible - пределы возможного

to do one's possible - сделать всё возможное, приложить все усилия

2. спорт. разг. наибольшее количество очков

total possible - максимум очков

3. возможный, приемлемый кандидат, возможный победитель в соревнованиях и т. п.**2. ['pɒsəb(ə)] a****1. 1) возможный, вероятный, могущий произойти**

possible housing site - потенциальновозможное место для застройки

possible ore - **геол.** возможные /неразведанные/ запасы руды

that's quite possible - это весьма возможно

rain is possible today - сегодня возможен дождь

2) возможный, осуществимый

to give as many details as possible /all possible details/ - дать все подробности

it is not possible to see the patient today - сегодня к больному (пройти) нельзя

how is it possible to get out of it? - как же выбраться из всего этого /из этой истории/?

it's possible for you to do this - вы можете это сделать

if possible - если возможно

as soon as possible - как можно скорее

as early as possible - как можно раньше

as much as possible - сколько возможно

as far as possible - насколько возможно

we live in the simplest possible way - мы живём очень, /исключительно/ просто

what possible interest can you have in it? - что вас может здесь заинтересовать?

2. разг. терпимый, сносный

possible answer - возможный (но не лучший) ответ

he is not a possible person - этого человека невозможно терпеть, с этим человеком нельзя иметь дело

possible

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pos·sible [possible possibles] adjective, noun **BrE** ['pɒsəbəl] **NAmE** ['pɑːsəbəl]

adjective**1. not usually before noun that can be done or achieved**

- **It is possible to** get there by bus.
- **Would it be possible for** me to leave a message for her?
- This wouldn't have been possible without you.
- Try to avoid losing your temper **if at all possible** (= if you can) .
- Use public transport **whenever possible** (= when you can) .
- It's just not **physically possible** to finish all this by the end of the week.
- We spent every possible moment on the beach.
- The doctors did all that was **humanly possible** to save him.
- Expansion was made possible by the investment of government money.

Opp: ↑impossible

2. that might exist or happen but is not certain to

- a possible future president
- the possible side effects of the drug
- Frost is possible, although unlikely, at this time of year.
- It's just possible that I gave them the wrong directions.
- With the possible exception of the Beatles, no other band has become so successful so quickly.
- 'Do you think he'll resign?' 'Anything's possible where he's concerned.'
- 'You might be wrong, of course!' 'It's possible, but I doubt it.'

3. reasonable or acceptable in a particular situation

- There are several possible explanations.
- Please suggest possible ways in which you would improve the existing program.

4. used after adjectives to emphasize that sth is the best, worst, etc. of its type

- It was the **best possible** surprise anyone could have given me.
- Don't leave your packing until the **last possible** moment.

more at the best of both/all possible worlds **at** ↑world, the worst of all (possible) worlds **at** ↑worst n.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French, or from Latin **possibilis**, from **posse** 'be able' .

Thesaurus:

possible adj.

1.

- Use public transport whenever possible.

practical • **feasible** • **realistic** • **workable** • **achievable** • **especially business viable** •

Opp: impossible

be possible/feasible/realistic **to do sth**

a practical/feasible/realistic/workable/viable **solution/policy/plan**

perfectly possible/practical/feasible/viable

2.

• She is a possible future president.

potential • **likely** • **prospective** • **especially written probable** •

possible/likely/probable **that...**

a possible/potential/likely/prospective/probable **site**

a possible/potential/likely/probable **cause/effect/consequence/outcome**

3.

• There are several possible explanations.

plausible • **credible** • **conceivable** • **imaginable** • **believable** •

Opp: impossible

possible/plausible/credible/conceivable/imaginable/believable **that ...**

possible/plausible/credible/believable **explanation /excuse**

sound possible/plausible/credible/believable

barely/hardly/scarcely possible/credible/conceivable/imaginable/believable

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**

Example Bank:

- I'd like the money back by next week if possible.
- In those circumstances, I thought it possible to work with him.
- It is just possible that he's still here.
- It's theoretically possible but highly unlikely ever to happen.
- New technology has made it possible to communicate more easily.
- Please come as soon as possible.
- She did as much as possible to help him.
- 'Do you think he'll resign?' 'Anything's possible where he's concerned.'
- 'You might be wrong, of course!' 'It's possible, but I doubt it.'
- Do everything possible to get it finished on time.
- He explained the possible side effects of the drug.
- It is possible to get there by bus.
- It's just not physically possible to finish all this by the end of the week.
- It's just possible that I gave them the wrong directions.
- It's scarcely possible that he knew nothing about it.
- She's perfectly possible as our main speaker.
- They spoke of her as a possible future president.
- This would not have been possible without you.
- Travel by bus whenever possible.
- Try to avoid losing your temper if (at all) possible.
- What are the possible interpretations of this message?
- What possible reason can you have for stopping me going?
- Would it be possible for me to leave a message for her?

Idiom: as quickly/much/soon as possible

noun

a person or thing that is suitable for a particular job, purpose, etc. and might be chosen

- Out of all the people interviewed, there are only five possibles.

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possible

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1. **pos·si·ble** ¹ **S1 W1** /'pɒsəbəl, 'pɒsɪbəl \$ 'pɑː-/ **BrE** ^m **AmE** ^m **adjective**

[**Word Family:** noun: ↑**possibility** ≠ ↑**impossibility**, the impossible, ↑**possible**; **adverb** ↑**possibly** ≠ ↑**impossibly**; **adjective:** ↑**possible**

≠ impossible]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: Latin *possibilis*, from *posse* 'to be able']

1. if something is possible, it can be done or achieved **OPP impossible**:

- Is it possible to get tickets for the game?
- It might be possible for the documents to be sent over.
- Computer technology makes it possible for many people to work from home.
- I want to avoid the rush hour traffic if possible.
- I walk or use public transport whenever possible.
- We are doing everything possible to track down the killer.
- Our staff will help you in every way possible.
- Even if it were technically possible, we do not have the money to do it.
- She decided to stay as far away from him as was humanly possible.

2. **as soon/quickly/much etc as possible** as soon, quickly etc as you can:

- I need the money as soon as possible.
- Sharon always does as little work as possible.
- The original features of the house have been preserved as far as possible (=as much as possible).

3. a possible answer, cause etc might be true:

- There seem to be only two possible explanations.
- the possible causes of a child's learning difficulties

it is possible (that)

- It's possible that the letter got lost in the post.

4. a possible event or thing might happen or exist:

- Heavy rain is possible later in the day.
- the possible effect on the health of local people
- You need to look at the possible consequences of your actions.
- In Hollywood, anything is possible (=anything can happen, even though it may seem very unlikely).

5. **the best/biggest/fastest etc possible** the best etc that can exist or be achieved:

- Try to get the best possible price.
- What is the worst possible thing that could happen?

6. **would it be possible (for somebody) to do something?** *spoken* used when asking politely if you can do or have something:

- Would it be possible to speak to Oliver?

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COLLOCATIONS

phrases

- it is possible to do something** From the hilltop it was possible to see the sea.
- make it possible to do something** Medical advances have made it possible to keep more patients alive.
- if possible (also if at all possible)** If possible, take light exercise first thing in the morning.
- where /wherever /whenever possible** Choose wholemeal varieties of flour and pasta, where possible.
- do everything possible** We must do everything possible to limit our impact on the earth's environment.
- in every way possible** The company helped promote the scheme in every way possible.

adverbs

- perfectly/quite possible (=definitely possible)** Combining a family with a career is perfectly possible.
- theoretically possible (=possible in theory, but difficult and unlikely)** It is theoretically possible for all students to get full marks.
- technically possible (=possible with the technology available)** Amendments to software may be technically possible, but are inadvisable.
- humanly possible (=possible for anyone)** It is not humanly possible to work for more than fifteen hours a day.

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- possible** if something is possible, it can be done or achieved: I think it's possible that we could win the race. | I want to get back by 5 o'clock if possible. | Please let me know your answer as soon as possible.
- feasible** if an idea or plan is feasible, it is possible and you can find a practical way of doing it: We need to find out first if the idea is technically feasible. | It is not feasible to have security cameras in every part of the building. | Da Silva considered it feasible that uranium could be produced on an industrial scale.
- viable** possible and likely to be successful, and therefore worth doing: Nuclear energy is the only viable alternative to coal or gas. | The product needs to be commercially viable. | We have yet to find a viable solution to the problem. | The company was no longer financially viable (=it could not make enough money to be able to continue).
- workable** a workable plan, system, or solution is one that can be done or used: By early morning, they had arrived at a workable and safe solution. | The company would have a tough job convincing people that the deal was workable.
- doable informal** if something is doable, you have enough money, energy, or skill to do it: This exercise programme is doable for most people. | Do you think the walk is doable? | Hosting great parties is fun, easy, and doable on any budget. | The book is full of interesting and doable recipes.
- achievable (also attainable formal)** able to be achieved: A 15% cut in carbon emissions is achievable. | Perfect democracy is not attainable, nor is perfect freedom or perfect justice.
- realistic** if something is realistic, it seems sensible to think that it can be done or achieved: a realistic target | Their expectations didn't seem very realistic. | It is important to set yourself realistic goals.

II. **possible**² *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Word Family: *noun*: ↑possibility ≠ ↑impossibility, the impossible, ↑possible; *adverb*: ↑possibly ≠ ↑impossibly; *adjective*: ↑possible

≠ ↑impossible]

someone or something that might be suitable or acceptable for a particular purpose:

" Frank's a possible for the job.

possible

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