

probable1. ['prɒbəb(ə)] *n*

- вероятный выбор, возможный кандидат *и т. п.*
- pl воен.* предположительно сбитые самолёты противника

2. ['prɒbəb(ə)] *a*

- вероятный, возможный
probable results - вероятные результаты
success is possible but hardly probable - успех возможен, но вероятность его ничтожна
it seems probable that - по всей вероятности
- правдоподобный
hardly probable story - маловероятная история
- предполагаемый
probable events - предполагаемые события

probable

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prob-able [probable probables] adjective, noun BrE ['prɒbəbəl] ¹ NAmE['prɒbəbəl] ¹

adjective

likely to happen, to exist or to be true

- the probable cause/explanation/outcome
- highly/quite/most probable**
- It is probable that** the disease has a genetic element.

compare ↑improbableWord Origin:late Middle English (in the sense 'worthy of belief'): via Old French from Latin *probabilis*, from *probare* 'to test, demonstrate'.Thesaurus:**probable** *adj.* (especially written)

- The probable cause of the fire was an electrical fault.

likely • • **possible** • • **potential** • • **prospective** •**Opp:** improbablebe probable/likely/possible **that...**a probable/likely/possible **cause/effect/consequence/outcome**a probable/likely/possible **explanation****Probable or likely?** **Probable** is much more frequent in written than in spoken English. **Likely** is very frequent in both, and used in a far wider range of structures and registers than **probable**:

- sb/sth is likely to do sth

✗ sb/sth is probable to do sthExample Bank:

- The two outcomes are equally probable.
- It is likely/probable that...
- It is probable that the disease has a genetic element.
- It is quite probable that they will call an election next spring.
- The probable cause of the fire was an electrical fault.

noun ~ (for sth) (especially BrE)

a person or an animal that is likely to win a race or to be chosen for a team

- All four players are probables for the national team.

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I. **prob-able** ¹ /'prɒbəbəl \$ 'prɒbəl- BrE ¹ AmE ¹ adjective

[Word Family: noun: ↑probability, ↑probable; adverb: ↑probably ≠ ↑improbably; adjective: ↑probable ≠ ↑improbable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: Latin *probabilis*, from *probare*; ⇔ ↑probe²]

likely to exist, happen, or be true:

- The probable cause of the fire was faulty wiring.
- Success is highly probable.

it is probable (that)

- It seems probable that the accident has damaged her brain.

probable outcome/consequence/result

- The probable result of global warming will be a rise in sea levels.

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

[Word Family: noun: ↑probability, ↑probable; adverb: ↑probably ≠ ↑improbably; adjective: ↑probable ≠ ↑improbable]

someone who is likely to be chosen for a team, to win a race etc

probable

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probably ¹⁰⁴¹⁹¹

probability ⁴⁵²³

probabilities ⁸³⁷

probabilistic ¹⁷²

probabilistically ¹²

improbable ¹³³⁷

improbably ³⁰⁰

improbability ⁸⁵

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