probably Apresyan (En-Ru)

['prɒbəbli] *adv* вероятно

most probably - по всей вероятности

it will probably rain - вероятно, пойдёт дождь

### probably

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

prob·ably BrE ['probəbli] NAmE ['prabəb]i adverb

used to say that sth is likely to happen or to be true

- You're probably right.
- It'll probably be OK.
- It was the best known and probably the most popular of her songs.
- 'Is he going to be there?' 'Probably.'
- · 'Do we need the car?' 'Probably not.'
- As you probably know, I'm going to be changing jobs soon.
- The two cases are most probably connected.

## Thesaurus:

## probably [probably] adv.

You're probably right.

most likely • • no doubt • |especially spoken presumably • • the chances are... • |written in all probability • • doubtless • Probably or presumably? Probably suggests a conclusion based on what is likely to be true; presumably suggests a conclusion based on particular evidence. Presumably can be used to confirm sth; probably can be used to agree with sb or to comfort sb:

- You'll be taking the car, presumably?
- ✗ You'll be taking the car, probably?:
- · You're probably right.
- ✗ You're presumably right.:
- It'll probably be OK.
- It'll presumably be OK.

### Language Bank:

### perhaps

Making an opinion sound less definite

- Most cybercrime involvestraditional 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:

- As you probably know, I'm going to be changing jobs soon.
- It'll probably be OK.
- · You're probably right.

### probably

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

probably \$1 W1 /'probabli \$ 'pra - BrE AmE adverb

[Word Family: noun: †probable; advert †probably  $\neq$  †improbably; adjective: †probable  $\neq$  †improbable] used to say that something is likely to happen, likely to be true etc:

- It will probably take about a week.
- This would probably be a good time to take a break.
- It's probably the best movie I have ever seen.

### [sentence adverb]

- 'Are you going to be able to do this?' 'Yes, probably.'
- 'Is she going to send it back?' 'Probably not, no.'

# very/most probably

The building will be replaced, most probably by a modern sports centre.

#### **THESAURUS**

- **probably** *adverb* used when saying that you think something is true or will happen, although it is not completely definite: He's probably gone home. | Rod is probably going to study law. | 'Is she lying?' 'Probably.'
- **likely** adjective probably going to happen or probably true: The most likely result is a win for the Democrats. | The price of petrol is likely to rise again this year. | It is likely that we'll lose.
- it looks as if/it looks like used when saying that the present situation makes you think that something will probably happen or is probably true: It looks like Greg has been delayed. | There aren't any taxis, so it looks as if we'll have to walk.

- may/could/might well used when saying that you think something will probably happen or is probably true: He may well come back. | Take an umbrella. It might well rain later on. | It may well be his last game.
- I would/should think spoken (also I would guess spoken) used when saying that you think something will probably happen or is probably true, although you are not sure: 'Will the match still go ahead?' 'Yes, I would think so.' I I should think she's about 24 or 25.

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