

perhaps[pə'hæps] *adv*

1. может быть, возможно; пожалуй
a little too broad perhaps - возможно, немного широко
will he come? - Perhaps not - он придёт? - Наверно, нет
2. пожалуйста, будьте добры (в просьбах)
perhaps you would be good enough to read this - будьте добры, прочтите это
3. в грам. знач. суц. предположение
his uncomfortable perhapses - его неуклюжие отговорки
4. в грам. знач. глагола
 - 1) подвергать сомнению
I perhapsed everything - я всё ставил под сомнение
 - 2) говорить неуверенно

perhaps

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per-haps *BrE* [pə'hæps] [ⓘ] *BrE* [præps] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [pər'hæps] [ⓘ] *adverb*

1. possibly

Syn: ↑*maybe*

- 'Are you going to come?' 'Perhaps. I'll see how I feel.'
- Perhaps he's forgotten.

2. used when you want to make a statement or opinion less definite
• This is perhaps his best novel to date.
3. used when making a rough estimate
• a change which could affect perhaps 20% of the population
4. used when you agree or accept sth unwillingly, or do not want to say strongly that you disapprove
• 'You could do it yourself.' 'Yeah, perhaps.'
5. used when making a polite request, offer or suggestion
• Perhaps it would be better if you came back tomorrow.
• I think perhaps you've had enough to drink tonight.
• Perhaps you'd like to have a wash before the others arrive.
• Perhaps you would be good enough to let him know we are on our way.

Word Origin:[**perhaps**] late 15th cent.: from ↑*per* + *hap* 'chance'.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***perhaps**

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per-haps *S1 W1* /pə'hæps, præps \$ pər-, præps/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] *adverb*[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Origin:** per + haps, plural of hap 'chance' (13-20 centuries) (⇒ ↑*happy*)]

1. used to say that something may be true, but you are not sure **SYN maybe** :

- Perhaps she's next door.
- Perhaps it will snow tomorrow.
- It won't take so long next time, perhaps.
- 'I don't think you understand.' 'Well, perhaps not.'

REGISTERIn everyday English, people usually use **may** or **might** rather than use **perhaps it/she/they etc will** :

- It might snow tomorrow.

2. used to give your opinion, when you do not want to be too definite **SYN maybe** :

- This is perhaps her finest novel yet.
- The industrial revolution was, perhaps, the most important event in history.

3. used to say that a number is only a guess **SYN maybe** :

- The room was large, perhaps 20 feet square.
- Perhaps 200 people were there.

4. *spoken* used to politely ask or suggest something, or say what you are going to do **SYN maybe** :

- I thought perhaps we'd have lunch in the garden.

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