

certainly

[ˈsɜːtnli] *adv*

1. конечно, непременно; несомненно; безусловно
 he will certainly come back - он непременно вернётся
 certainly I parked outside your door - конечно, я поставил машину прямо против вашей двери
2. в ответах на вопросы:
 may we see the patient? - Certainly - можно навесить больного? - (Да) конечно
 may I borrow your clothes-brush? - Certainly - можно взять у вас платяную щётку? - Пожалуйста
 will you lend me your tooth-brush? - Certainly not - вы не одолжите мне зубную щётку? - Ни в коем случае

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

cer-tain-ly [certainly] *BrE* [ˈsɜːtnli] *AmE* [ˈsɜːrtɪni] *adverb*

1. without doubt
Syn: ↑definitely
 - Without treatment, she will almost certainly die.
 - Certainly, the early years are crucial to a child's development
 - I'm certainly nevergoing there again.
 - She was certainly attractive but you couldn't call her beautiful.
2. (used in answer to questions) of course
 - 'May I see your passport, Mr Scott?' 'Certainly.'
 - 'Do you think all this money will change your life?' 'Certainly not.'

Language Bank:

nevertheless

Conceding a point and making a counter-argument

- While** ▪ the film is undoubtedly too long, it is **nevertheless** ▪ an intriguing piece of cinema.
- It can be argued that** ▪ the movie is too long. It is **nonetheless** ▪ an intriguing piece of cinema.
- The film is undoubtedly too long. **Still** ▪, it is an intriguing piece of cinema.
- Of course** ▪, huge chunks of the book have been sacrificed in order to make a two-hour movie, **but** ▪ it is **nevertheless** ▪ a successful piece of storytelling.
- Critics are wrong to argue that the film's plot is too complicated. **Certainly** ▪ there are a couple of major twists, **but** ▪ audiences will have no difficulty following them.
- It is true that** ▪ you cannot make a good movie without a good script, **but it is equally true** ▪ that a talented director can make a good script into an excellent film.
- It remains to be seen whether** ▪ these two movies herald a new era of westerns, **but there is no doubt that** ▪ they represent welcome additions to the genre.

Language Banks at ↑argue, ↑however, ↑impersonal, ↑opinion

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:

- This will certainly make them think again.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

cer-tain-ly **S1 W1** /ˈsɜːtnli/ ˈsɜːrtɪ- *BrE* *AmE* *adverb* [sentence adverb]

[Word Family: noun: ↑certainty ≠ ↑uncertainty; adverb: ↑certainly ≠ ↑uncertainly; adjective: ↑certain ≠ ↑uncertain]

1. without any doubt **SYN** definitely:
 - I certainly neverexpected to become a writer.
 - They're certainly not mine.

it is certainly true/possible etc

 - It is certainly true that there are more courses on offer.
 - The girl was almost certainly murdered.
 - 'Not smoking has made a real difference.' 'It most certainly has.'
2. **spoken** used to agree or give your permission:
 - 'I'd like a beer, please.' 'Certainly, sir.'
 - 'Can I come along?' 'Certainly.'
3. **certainly not spoken** used to disagree completely or to refuse to give permission:
 - 'May I go?' 'Certainly not!'

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In everyday English, people usually say **of course** or **sure** rather than **certainly** when agreeing or giving permission:

▪ 'Can I sit down?' 'Of course.'

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THESAURUS

- **certainly** used when saying that you are sure about something: Amy's certainly growing, but she's not gaining weight. | It's certainly not the cheapest way of getting to New York. | 'Is this his signature?' 'Almost certainly.'
- **undoubtedly** used when saying that you are completely sure about something. **Undoubtedly** sounds more certain and a little more formal than **certainly**: They are undoubtedly the better team. | Undoubtedly it will be a huge shock for him. | The furniture, although undoubtedly fashionable, was a little too plain for my taste.
- **there is no doubt** used when you are completely sure about something: There is no doubt that violence on TV influences children. | He's definitely innocent. There's no doubt about that.
- **without (a) doubt** used when you are completely sure about something: She was without doubt one of Mexico's finest artists. | There would be, without a doubt, some perfectly ordinary explanation for his behaviour.

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