

**maybe**['meɪbi] *adv*

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maybe yes, maybe no - может быть так, а может быть и нет

maybe we shall meet him somewhere - мы, может быть, его где-нибудь встретим

I don't mean maybe - *разг.* обязательно и никаких разговоров; можете не сомневаться**maybe**

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**maybe** [maybe maybes] *BrE* ['meɪbi] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* ['meɪbi] <sup>ˈ</sup> *adverb***1.** used when you are not certain that sth will happen or that sth is true or is a correct number**Syn:** ↑perhaps

- Maybe he'll come, maybe he won't.
- 'Are you going to sell your house?' 'Maybe.'
- It will cost two, maybe three hundred pounds.
- We go there maybe once or twice a month.

**2.** used when making a suggestion**Syn:** ↑perhaps

- I thought maybe we could go together.
- Maybe you should tell her.
- Maybe we can meet for lunch next week sometime.

**3.** used to agree with sb, and to add more information that should be thought about**Syn:** ↑perhaps

- 'You should stop work when you have the baby.' 'Maybe, but I can't afford to.'

**4.** used when replying to a question or an idea, when you are not sure whether to agree or disagree**Syn:** ↑perhaps

- 'I think he should resign.' 'Maybe.'

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from the phrase it may be (that).

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**maybe** **S1 W1** /'meɪbi/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *adverb* [sentence adverb]**1.** used to say that something may happen or may be true but you are not certain **SYN** perhaps:

- Maybe it's all just a big misunderstanding.
- 'Do you think he'll come back?' 'Maybe.'
- Maybe they're right, but maybe not.
- You have talent, maybe even genius.
- He said he'd finish the work soon – maybe tomorrow.

**REGISTER**In written English, people often prefer to use **perhaps**, because it is slightly more formal than **maybe**:

- Perhaps this explains why the figure is so high.

**2. spoken** used to reply to a suggestion or idea when either you are not sure if you agree with it, or you do not want to say 'yes' or 'no':

- 'I think Sheila would be an excellent manager.' 'Maybe.'

**3.** used to show that you are not sure of an amount or number:

- The problems really started maybe two or three years ago.
- He looked like he was thirty, maybe thirty-five years old.

**4. spoken** used to make a suggestion you are not quite sure about:

- If the bill doesn't seem right, maybe you should give them a call.
- Maybe I can ride the bicycle and follow you.

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