



Pondering Probability

What are the Chances?

Beginner: Use words like: sometimes, maybe, always and never when talking about things that happen every day.

[Tip]: You always need to brush your teeth before bed. Maybe we will do a craft tomorrow.

Intermediate: Use words like: probably, often, and possibly when talking about things that happen every day.

[Tip]: It will probably rain today because there are dark clouds in the sky. We often go for a walk on Saturdays.

Experienced: Talk about the chances of something happening, incorporate the new words into your games.

[Tip]: Flip a coin or play rock-paper-scissors, to predict the chances of picking a specific side or move.

Why is this important? Talking about the chances of something happening helps children to better understand the world around them.

Looking for more information? Check out our [Predication](#) resource for more helpful ways to talk about this activity with your child!

References: VandeWalle, J. A. (2011). Elementary and Middle School Mathematics: Teaching Developmentally. Pearson Canada. (p. 474).