

EXPRESSING CERTAINTY AND UNCERTAINTY

A2-B1 | Conversation practice examples for saying how sure you are

Conversation: Checking a booking

Mia	Did you book our table for seven or half past seven? I can't find the message.
Leo	I'm sure I booked it for seven. That's the time we agreed yesterday.
Mia	I thought the restaurant said they only had a later table.
Leo	I'm not sure about that. They mentioned half past seven, but then checked again.
Mia	I'd rather check than arrive too early. Do you still have their number?
Leo	Yes. They'll probably be busy now, so I'll look for the confirmation first.
Mia	Good idea. I've found an email - it says seven, for four people.
Leo	Then it's definitely seven. I'll let the others know so we all arrive together.

Key phrases: I'm sure / I'm not sure / probably / definitely

Conversation: Waiting for a friend

Eva	Where's Oliver? He said he'd meet us outside the cinema.
Finn	I think he's still on the bus. He sent me a message ten minutes ago.
Eva	The film starts in fifteen minutes. Do you think he'll make it?
Finn	Maybe . His bus usually stops just around the corner.
Eva	I've tried calling, but he's not answering his phone either.
Finn	Perhaps it's on silent. I don't think he'd forget we're meeting.
Eva	Oh, he's replied. He's walking from the bus stop now.
Finn	Great. Let's collect the tickets while we wait. Then we can go straight in.

Key phrases: I think / Maybe / Perhaps / I don't think

Create your own conversation

Choose one prompt. Use at least two key phrases and include a natural response and follow-up.

Prompt 1: Check a booking together. Distinguish what you remember clearly from what needs checking.

Prompt 2: Discuss whether a friend will arrive on time. Explain how sure you are using the information you have.