

**Lesson 8 – Possibility and Likelihood**

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**Woman:** Well, there is a \_\_\_\_\_ possibility there will be an Olympic village.

**Man:** What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of that?

**Woman:** It's highly unlikely, but the \_\_\_\_\_ are leaving the possibility open.

**Man:** I see. How \_\_\_\_\_ is it that local residents can attend the games?

**Woman:** There is a strong \_\_\_\_\_ that can happen, but \_\_\_\_\_ must be met.

**Man:** Well, it's a given that the games will be on TV. So at least we have that.

**Woman:** Yes, fingers crossed it all goes well.

**Conversation 2 -** fairly / logo / merge / What / unlikely / competitor / foolish / How

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**Woman:** No, what did you hear?

**Man:** The company is going to \_\_\_\_\_ with our biggest \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Woman:** I would be \_\_\_\_\_ to do that. We have a well-known brand name and a catchy \_\_\_\_\_.

**Man:** I agree. Anyway, it is highly unlikely there will be any changes anytime soon.

**Woman:** Change is good I guess. That's what they say.

**Man:** Yes, only time will tell.

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**Conversation 3 -** what / possible / semester / when / professor / answering / teaching / campus

**Woman:** So, professor, \_\_\_\_\_ do you think we will have face-to-face classes again?

**Man:** I'm not sure, but it seems very likely things will be back to normal in the fall semester.

**Woman:** What about next \_\_\_\_\_?

**Man:** Well, anything is \_\_\_\_\_, but it seems unlikely that we will go back to being back to face-to-face.

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