

# certain or IMPOSSIBLE



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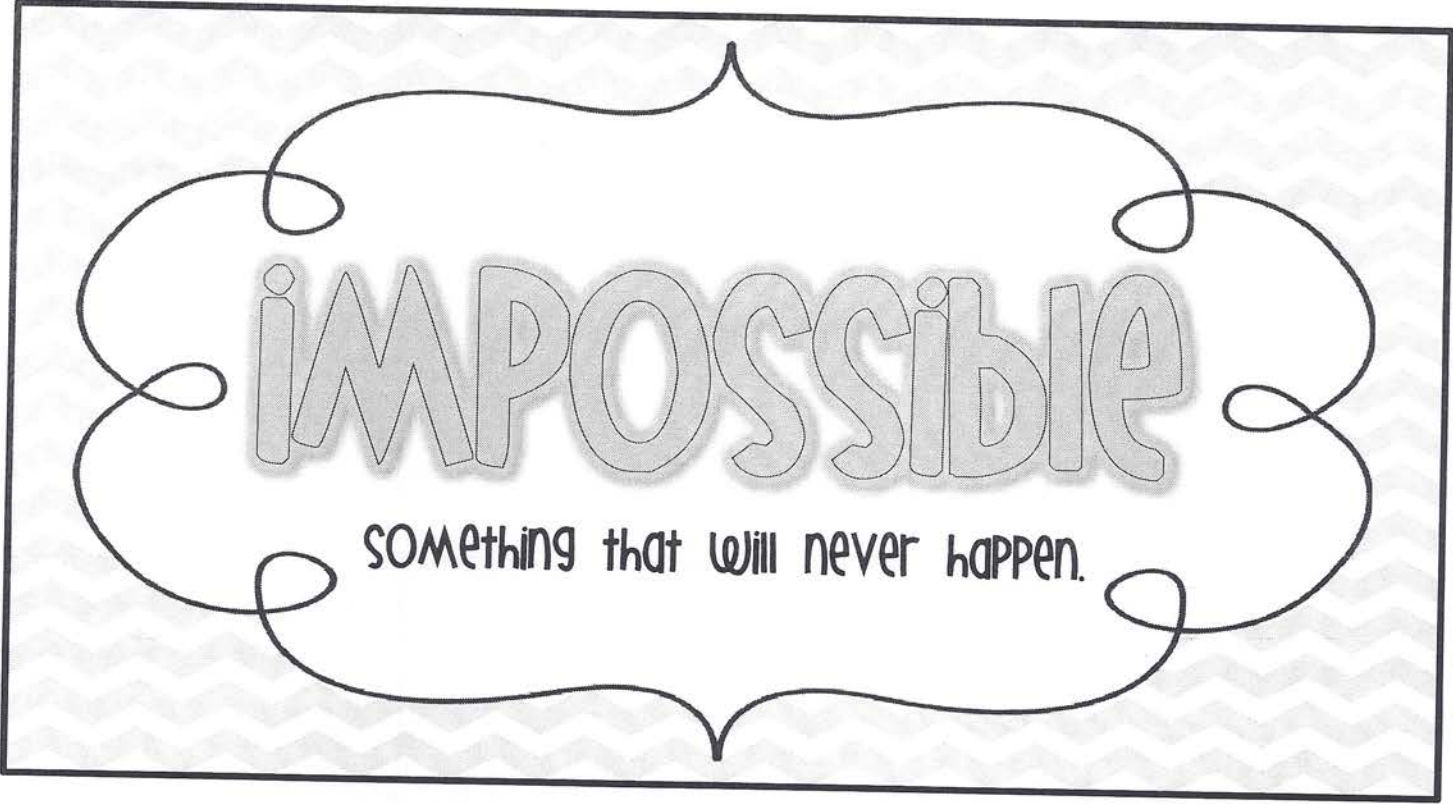
## NOTE to the Teacher:

FOR MY STATE'S MATH STANDARDS, I AM REQUIRED TO TEACH THE PROBABILITY OF AN EVENT AS BEING CERTAIN OR IMPOSSIBLE. THIS VOCABULARY IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR MANY STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND, ESPECIALLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS. I'VE CREATED THIS QUICK ACTIVITY AS WAY TO PRACTICE THE SKILL—WHOLE GROUP OR INDEPENDENTLY.

THIS ACTIVITY IS INTENDED TO BE A SORT INTO THE TWO GROUPS—CERTAIN OR IMPOSSIBLE. READ EACH SCENARIO AND DISCUSS WHY IT BELONGS IN ITS CATEGORY. FOLLOW-UP BY HAVING THE STUDENTS BRAINSTORM THEIR OWN SCENARIOS FOR CERTAIN AND IMPOSSIBLE.

ENJOY! 😊





impossible

SOMETHING that will never happen.



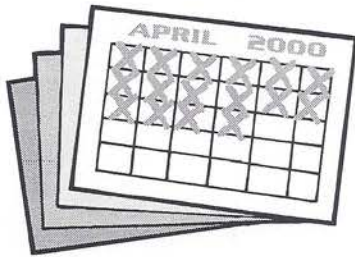
certain

SOMETHING that will absolutely happen. It's 100% going to happen.

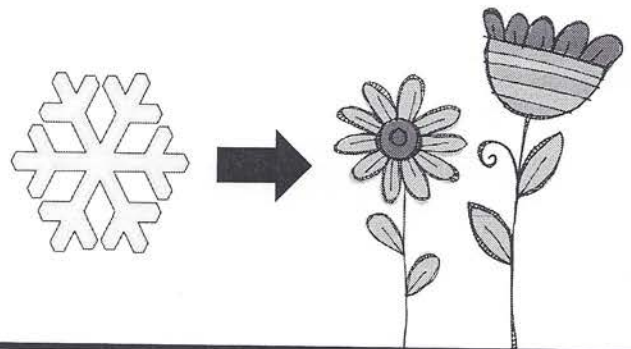
## Certain Events

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There will be 12  
MONTHS in the  
year.



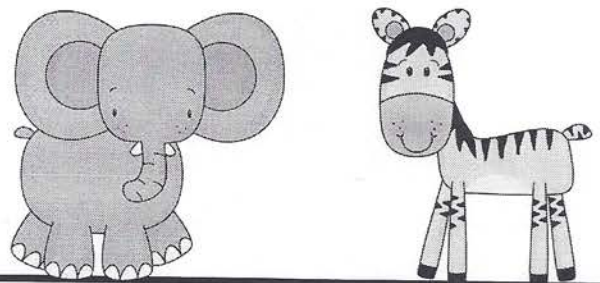
Spring will come  
after winter.



There will be  
5 (sometimes 6) VOWELS  
in the alphabet.



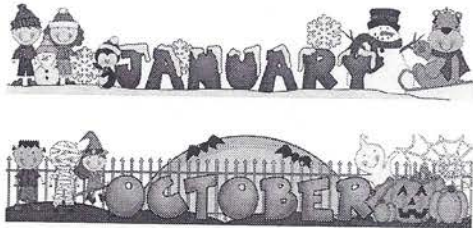
There will be  
animals at the  
ZOO.



## IMPOSSIBLE EVENTS

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OCTOBER Will  
COME after  
JANUARY.



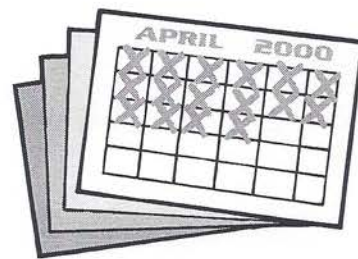
A real Dinosaur  
Will Walk into  
Our Classroom.



A lion Will be a  
Student in Our  
Classroom.



There Will be 9  
Days in the Week.





# Probability of Events

Certain

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Impossible

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2 student copies per page—students will cut and glue onto the tree map on the previous page.

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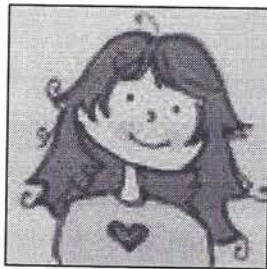


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