

Speaking – Supernatural

<p>Learning Objectives: Talking about the supernatural, speaking practice</p>	<p>Preparation Time: 5 minutes</p>
<p>Skill/Grammar: Expressing doubt and uncertainty</p>	<p>Completion Time: 45 minutes</p>
	<p>Age/Level: Cambridge English First</p>

Teacher's Notes

Warm-Up (15 minutes)

- Give out the worksheet and ask students to say which supernatural beings they believe in or don't believe in. Hold a brief class discussion and write any vocabulary or phrases that show doubt and uncertainty on the board.

Presentation (10 minutes)

- Ask students to read the opinions in the speech bubbles and complete the tasks below. Model and drill the expressions if necessary.

Presentation Answer Key:

a might – could, may, maybe – perhaps, possibly, it's possible

Practice (10 minutes)

- Ask the students to reorder the sentences so that they make sense. Model and drill them afterwards.

Practice Answer Key:

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| a | Maybe, but I really doubt that's possible. | b | I'm not too sure about that. |
| c | I find it really hard to believe that fairies exist. | | |
| d | I suppose there might be aliens, but I think it's a little far-fetched | | |
| e | I guess poltergeists could exist, but I'm not too sure. | | |

Test Practice (10 minutes)

- Ask students to look at the photos and say what they might show.

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1 **Look at the list below. Which of the following (if any) do you believe exists? Why/why not?**

Ghosts	Fairies
UFOs	Witches
Poltergeists	Werewolves
Vampires	Clairvoyants
Aliens	Elves

2 **Read the opinions in the speech bubbles and complete the tasks below.**

Aliens might exist, but I doubt it.

Werewolves? That's a little far-fetched, don't you think?

UFOs? Er ... maybe, but I doubt it.

Witches could exist, I guess, but I think it's unlikely.

I'm not too sure about fairies ... I guess they may exist, but it doesn't seem likely.

I'm quite sure poltergeists live in my house, but vampires? No ... I find that hard to believe.

a Look at the underlined words in the speech bubbles. Which of these words and phrases could be used to replace these?

could *perhaps* *may* *possibly* *it's possible*

b Which of these opinions do you agree with?

3 **Reorder the following sentences so that they make sense.**

a Maybe, / I / that's / possible / doubt / really / but

b not / that / I'm / too / about / sure

c hard / really / exist / fairies / find / believe / I / it / to / that

d I / there / far-fetched / be / it's / aliens, / but I / a / think / might / little / suppose e
sure / poltergeists / exist, / I guess / but I'm / could / not too

4 **Work with a partner and follow the instructions below.**

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- Compare and contrast the pictures below with a partner. What do you think they show? Which do you like the best?



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