Spanish subjunctive with 'Maybe' - B1- part seven of series

There are four ways to say 'maybe' in Spanish:

- quizá(s)
- acaso
- tal vez
- a lo mejor

Since using sentence 'maybe' in a sentence implies a certain level of uncertainty, we mostly use it with the subjunctive.

A. Translate:

- 1. Perhaps we will go to the beach tomorrow.
- 2. Maybe he earns a lot of money.
- 3. Perhaps we'll sell the house today.
- 4. Maybe she is in the office.
- 5. Perhaps I know him.
- 6. Maybe the lesson starts at eight.
- 7. Perhaps he is lost.
- 8. Perhaps he will finish all this food and drink.
- 9. Maybe we can stop here.
- 10. Perhaps we will come to your house.

B. Translate:

I don't know what to do with my future. What should I study? What profession should I pick? Maybe I will go to college. Maybe I could be a teacher. But then, I don't like children. Maybe I will be a waiter. But then I would drink all the drinks myself. Perhaps I will study to be an engineer. But I am not good at maths! Maybe I will work as a driver. But I think that would be boring. Maybe I'll write a book! But I am not a good writer. Maybe I'll buy

a lottery ticket and perhaps I might win the lottery! Yes! That is the best solution indeed.

Please see answer key at the bottom of the page.

You can see here part number one (<u>verbs of influence in the Spanish Subjunctive</u>), part number two (<u>Verbs of ignorance in the Subjunctive</u>), part number three (<u>Expressing emotions in the Subjunctive</u>) and part number four (<u>Impersonal opinion</u>) of this series. There are more free resources available on our sister website.

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ANSWER KEY:

- A. Quizás vayamos a la playa mañana. / Quizás el gane mucho dinero. / Tal vez vendamos la casa hoy. / Quizás esté en la oficina. / Quizás (yo) le conozca. / Tal vez la clase empiece a las ocho. / Acaso esté perdido. / Quizás termine toda esta comida y bebida. / Tal vez podamos parar aquí. / Quizá vengamos a tu casa.
- **B**. No sé qué hacer con mi futuro. ¿Qué debería hacer? ¿Qué profesión debería elegir? Quizás vaya a la universidad. Quizás podría ser profesor. Pero la verdad es que no me gustan los niños. Quizás sea camarero. Pero entonces bebería yo todas las bebidas. Quizás estudie para ser ingeniero. ¡Pero no se me dan bien las matemáticas! Quizás trabaje como conductor. Pero creo que eso sería aburrido. ¡Quizás escriba un libro! Pero no soy buen escritor. ¡Tal vez compre un billete de lotería y quizás gane la lotería! ¡Si! Esa es la solución sin duda.