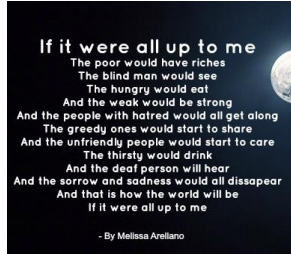


Let's talk about...

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A. Free-Talk



B. Target Vocabulary

Expressing Possibility, Improbability, and Impossibility		
POSSIBILITY	IMPROBABILITY	IMPOSSIBILITY
It's possible/probable ... It's likely... It may be ... It is/looks/seems possible. Could be ... If you ask me, ... I reckon ... I bet ... I think there's possibility ... I believe ... It's more than likely ... It's reasonable to believe ...	I don't think ... It's not likely ... I don't expect ... It's unlikely ... Probably not. It's extremely unlikely / improbable. I think there's little chance of ...	Impossible. No way. Not a chance. I think there' no possibility of ... Never in a million years ... (used to emphasize that something will never happen)

Idiomatic Expressions		
<b>1. Hope against hope</b>	To hope very strongly when the situation is hopeless.	Though his knee is badly injured, he is <b>hoping against hope</b> that he will win the race.
<b>2. Keep one's chin up</b>	To remain cheerful or positive in a difficult situation.	I know you have difficulty finding a new job but you will have to <b>keep your chin up</b> and continue trying.
<b>3. Look on the bright side</b>	To be cheerful or positive in a difficult situation.	I tried <b>to look on the bright side</b> , to be grateful that I was at least healthy.
<b>4. Hang in there</b>	To be patient in a difficult situation. -An expression of encouragement to persist or stay calm in difficult situation.	I know you're worried, but <b>hang in there</b> – the doctor will call soon.
<b>5. Everything is coming up roses</b>	Things are going especially well.	<b>Everything's coming up roses</b> for her lately – she got the job she wanted and had a wonderful birthday celebration.