## Why Do Grown-Ups Always Say "Maybe"?

(Frustrated, arms crossed)

Okay. I have a question. And I need answers. (Leans in)

WHY do grown-ups always say "maybe"? Like, just say yes or no! It's not that hard!

Yesterday, I asked my mom if we could get a puppy. And she goes, "Maybe." MAYBE?! What does that even mean? Is it yes? Is it no? Is it...somewhere in the middle? Do I get half a puppy?!

So then I asked, "Okay, but can we get a kitten instead?" And she says, "We'll see." WE'LL SEE?! See what?! The future?! A magical pet fairy who decides if I'm worthy?!

So I tested it. I said, "Mom, can I have spinach for dinner?" And you know what? She said, "YES!" No hesitation! No **'maybe'** or **'we'll see'**—just YES.

But when I asked for icecream? "Maybe."

So here's my theory: "Maybe" actually means **no**, but they don't wanna say no because they think we'll throw a fit. (Pauses) Which is totally fair.

But now, I'm on a mission. I'm gonna start saying maybe to them!

"Hey, can you clean your room?" Maybe. "Did you finish your homework?" We'll see. "Are you listening to me?" Ehhh... hard to say.

And when they get mad? I'll just shrug and say, "Well, Mom... now you know how it feels!"

(Mischievous grin, then walks off like a detective solving the case.)