

Hedging Language Worksheet

Advanced C1-C2 · Side A

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: / 20

Exercise A · Identify the hedging device (Q1-5)

Label each: modal verb / adverb / verb phrase / adjective

1. It might be argued that ...
-> _____
2. The results are arguably inconclusive.
-> _____
3. It appears that further research is needed.
-> _____
4. There seems to be a correlation between the two.
-> _____
5. This is a relatively common phenomenon.
-> _____

Exercise B · Add a hedging expression (Q6-10)

Rewrite each sentence with appropriate hedging.

6. This proves that climate change is man-made.
-> _____
7. The results show the treatment is effective.
-> _____
8. The cause is stress.
-> _____
9. The data is unreliable.
-> _____
10. This is the best solution.
-> _____

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Exercise C · True or False (Q11-14)

Write T (true) or F (false).

11. Hedging is used to express caution, uncertainty, or distance in academic writing.

Answer: _____

12. Hedging makes writing seem weak or unsure.

Answer: _____

13. 'It is worth noting that' is a hedging phrase.

Answer: _____

14. Hedging is never used in spoken academic discourse.

Answer: _____

Exercise D · Multiple choice (Q15-17)

Choose the best hedging expression.

15. The data ___ a link between diet and mental health.

(a) proves (b) strongly suggests (c) shows clearly

16. ___ that attitudes are gradually changing.

(a) It can be seen (b) It is obvious (c) Everyone knows

17. The findings are ___ consistent with previous studies.

(a) very (b) broadly (c) totally

Exercise E · Write hedged academic sentences (Q18-20)

Rewrite in an appropriately hedged academic style.

18. 'Exercise cures depression.' ->

-> _____

19. 'This method doesn't work.' ->

-> _____

20. Write an original hedged sentence on any topic ->

-> _____

Answer Sheet - Hedging Language Worksheet

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Exercise A - Identify the hedging device

Q1-5

1. modal verb (might)
2. adverb (arguably)
3. verb phrase (it appears that)
4. verb phrase (seems to be)
5. adverb (relatively)

Exercise B - Add a hedging expression

Q6-10

6. This suggests / indicates that climate change may be man-made.
7. The results appear to suggest the treatment is effective.
8. The cause is likely to be / appears to be stress.
9. The data would appear to be somewhat unreliable.
10. This may be one of the most viable solutions.

Exercise C - True or False

Q11-14

11. T
12. F
13. T
14. F

Exercise D - Multiple choice

Q15-17

15. strongly suggests
16. It can be seen
17. broadly

Exercise E - Write hedged academic sentences

Q18-20

18. (own answer)
19. (own answer)
20. (own answer)

Total: 20 points | Side A: Q1-10 | Side B: Q11-20