



# Speculation Verbs

Many words and phrases act like markers in a text to indicate to readers that the author is less than certain about what is being said. Collectively, these words and phrases that indicate uncertainty are called **uncertainty qualifiers**. One category of uncertainty qualifiers are speculation verbs (e.g., suggest, suppose, suspect, presume).

**DIRECTIONS:** Rewrite each sentence to include a speculation verb in order to indicate uncertainty.

1. I have a dozen donuts.
  
2. John doesn't like Martha.
  
3. Jim is afraid of needles.
  
4. Many kids in this class are allergic to chocolate.
  
5. The dog has not yet had a walk today.
  
6. It will snow tomorrow.
  
7. You have a lot of work to do.