Combined Sources of Uncertainty

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**. In any given text, there can be many sources of uncertainty that combine to give the reader an overall level of confidence in the text, or a lack thereof.

DIRECTIONS: Read the assigned text. How much confidence do you have in the text? Explain how your analysis of uncertainty qualifiers in the text supports your level of confidence.

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