Spotting Uncertainty in Texts

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**. These markers in the text help readers to identify where the author is uncertain, or how much confidence the author has in what they are saying.

DIRECTIONS: Read the assigned text. Identify areas of uncertainty. Underline the uncertainty qualifier(s). Rate your level of confidence in each statement you identify as high, medium, or low.

Quote from Text	How confident are you about this?