



Uncertainty Qualifiers

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**. There are many categories of uncertainty qualifiers:

verbal phrases	modal verbs
nouns	adverbs
expressions	speculation verbs
expression of uncertainty with quantification	

DIRECTIONS: Read the assigned text. How many uncertainty qualifiers can you find? Write them on the lines below. Then indicate what category of qualifier each one is.

Uncertainty Qualifier	Category of Qualifier
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