



Verbal Phrases

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 called verbal phrases. Examples of verbal phrases include as likely as, chances are, close to certain, likely, few, high probability, it could be, it seems, and quite possible.

DIRECTIONS: Read the assigned text. Identify verbal phrases that indicate uncertainty in the text. Write the sentences in which the verbal phrases appear below. Underline the verbal phrases that indicate uncertainty.

Location in Text	Sentences with Verb Phrase Uncertainty Qualifiers