



# Uncertainty with Adverbs

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 adverbs. For example:

roughly	somewhat	mostly	essentially	especially
exceptionally	often	almost	practically	actually

**DIRECTIONS:** Study the text provided. In the chart below, provide examples of how/where the author uses adverbs to indicate uncertainty. Quote from the text, and explain why each example indicates uncertainty.

Quote from Text	Why is this uncertainty?