

Nouns That Indicate 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**. One category of uncertainty qualifiers are nouns:

speculation	doubt	distrust	mistrust	proposal
skepticism	reservation	disbelief	query	concern

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

Quote from Text	Why is this uncertainty?