

## HEDGING - WORKSHEET

### PART A: WORDS AND SOURCES

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Rewrite each statement twice with:

- 1) a verb and another person or source (say, believe, suggest, think, hope);
- 2) a modal verb (can, could, might, must, should).

For example: The bus is arriving in ten minutes.

- **The schedule says** the bus is arriving in ten minutes.
- The bus **might** arrive in ten minutes.

1. Eating fast food is bad and should be avoided.
2. He is guilty.
3. Computers are taking away our privacy.
4. She is okay.
5. Turn left at the intersection.

### PART B: HEDGE WITH AN ADVERB

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Rewrite each sentence by adding one adverb to hedge:

- Likely, hopefully, basically, probably, perhaps

1. People are good.
2. You should go on a diet.
3. The house fire was caused by a problem with the heater.
4. It will rain tonight.
5. We will meet tonight at 8pm.

### PART C: WRITE SENTENCES

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Make complete sentences with these words and collocations.

1. It is possible that
2. Some scientists think that
3. It appears that
4. The data suggest that
5. According to the teacher,

## POSSIBLE ANSWERS

### PART A: WORDS AND SOURCES

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Rewrite each statement twice:

- 3) with a verb and another person or source (say, believe, suggest, think, hope).
  - 4) with a modal verb (can, could, might, must, should).
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1. Eating fast food is bad and should be avoided.
    - **Many people think** eating fast food is bad and should be avoided.
    - Eating fast food **might be** bad and should be avoided.
  2. He is guilty.
    - **Some people believe** he is guilty.
    - He **must be** guilty.
  3. Computers are taking away our privacy.
    - **Experts suggest** computers are taking away our privacy.
    - Computers **could be** taking away our privacy.
  4. She is okay.
    - **My sister hopes** she is okay.
    - She **should be** okay.
  5. Turn left at the intersection.
    - **The sign says** to turn left at the intersection.
    - **We can** turn left at the intersection.

## PART B: HEDGE WITH AN ADVERB

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Rewrite each sentence by adding one word to hedge:

- Likely, hopefully, basically, probably, perhaps
1. People are good.
    - People are **basically** good.
  2. You should go on a diet.
    - **Perhaps** you should go on a diet.
  3. The house fire was caused by a problem with the heater.
    - The house fire was **probably** caused by a problem with the heater.
  4. It will rain tonight.
    - It will **likely** rain tonight.
  5. We will meet tonight at 8pm.
    - **Hopefully**, we will meet tonight at 8pm.

## PART C: WRITE SENTENCES

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Make complete sentences with these words and collocations.

1. **It is possible** the star of the movie does not die in the film.
2. **Some scientists think** the Big Bang theory is not correct.
3. **It appears** the price of coffee is going up again.
4. **The data suggest** air pollution is getting worse.
5. **According to the teacher**, there are no classes next week.