**Language Used in Hedging**

1)   Quantifiers

some  
a fraction  
a minority/majority of  
a proportion of  
to some extent

2)    Appearance

appears to  
has the appearance of  
is similar to  
shares characteristics with  
appears to be in line with

3)    Possibility

might  
may  
could  
can  
has the possibility of  
has the potential to  
is able to

4)    Frequency

sometimes  
rarely  
tends to  
has a tendency to

5)   Comparatively

in a simpler way than ...  
more simply than …  
When compared to …

6)    Context

In the context of …  
…in certain situations…  
Within some households…

7)    Evidence

Based on …  
As indicated by …  
According to …

8)    Description in language

can be described as  
could be considered to be  
is sometimes labelled  
can be equated to  
the term is often used to mean  
the term is often used to refer to  
this may indicate that …  
this may suggest that …