**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 …