

Task: Rate the level of certainty that the author uses to describe a finding.

💡 **Certainty** means having **complete confidence** in something without any doubts.

Uncertainty is the opposite: it refers to a **state of doubt**, lack of confidence, or absence of complete knowledge about something. Both can be expressed with respect to various aspects. Look out for:

- **(un)certainty towards specific numbers/quantities:** They found that *approximately* 50 % of participants ...
- the **extent** to which a given finding applies: The effect was *mainly* observed for teenagers.),
- the **probability** that something applies, occurs or is associated: ...is *possibly* associated with ...
- **hedging words:** *seem, tend, appear to be, may, potentially, suggest, perhaps*

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Move backward

Move forward