

ENGLISH ACTIVITY: HEDGING

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GRAMMAR

- 1 Complete the sentences by choosing two possible answers from the box.

appear **appears** believed evidence
hardly any little proof proved
recognized seem **seems** shown

- a It appears / seems that the population of many modern industrialized cities is beginning to decline.
- b There is _____ / _____ doubt that in the future we will have to take radical action to control traffic congestion in our cities.
- c It is generally _____ / _____ that living in cities with a population of over a million people can be detrimental to our health.
- d There is little _____ / _____ that the levels of toxic pollution in the major cities in the US are beginning to decline.
- e It would _____ / _____ that the changes in weather patterns could endanger large urban populations in low-lying land areas due to the rise in sea level.
- f It has been _____ / _____ that prolonged exposure to the sun can cause skin cancer.

- 2 Rewrite these sentences using the words in parentheses.

- a Smoking can lead to cancer. (no doubt)
There is no doubt that smoking can lead to cancer.
- b Scientists in many countries believe that climate change is the greatest challenge facing our society. (widely) _____

c There is evidence to suggest that the rate of population growth in China is beginning to decrease. (appears) _____

d There is a general feeling that people believe governments are not doing enough about global warming. (would seem)
