

Hedging

Task 1

Choose the odd-one-out expression (which is NOT hedging).

1.

- a) It could be suggested that
- b) There is a possibility that
- c) It might be the case that
- d) It is absolutely certain that

2.

- a) frequently
- b) always
- c) occasionally
- d) commonly

3.

- a) none of
- b) to some extent
- c) in certain situations
- d) a proportion of

4.

- a) which appears to be
- b) have a tendency to
- c) it represents
- d) , which may suggest that...

5.

- a) may
- b) must
- c) might
- d) could

6.

- a) arguably
- b) probably
- c) presumably
- d) definitely

7.

- a) somewhat
- b) largely
- c) as a rule
- d) absolutely

Task 2

Choose the hedging phrase that suits the gap most.

1. The nuclei ^{53}Co , ^{43}Ti and ^{43}Sc were studied carefully in order to determine if γ rays were present _____ to the decay of metastable states.
2. This analysis provides a preliminary quantification of the mercury-related health burden from ASGM _____ available.
3. These frequent storms are _____ to climate change.
4. _____ of the reinterview studies, as well as the surveys themselves, is that respondents may lack precise information.
5. Older people are more susceptible to dehydration than younger people. _____ lack of thirst sensation and changes in the water and sodium balance that naturally occur as people age.
6. On Thursday morning, Sean Kevelighan, a Citigroup spokesman, said that the figures were always rough estimates and the _____ an increase in its credit card accounts and other factors.
7. _____ the present results is that hyperactivity emerges more strongly with adulthood.
8. _____ SERS technique can be illustrated with the enhanced electromagnetic (EM).
9. _____ that the situation will improve in the long term.
10. Reports based on some benchmark results _____ that the original Nvidia Tegra 2 processor has been replaced by a Texas Instruments OMAP 4 processor.
11. However, this is 10,000 down on the number received in the second half of last year - _____ complaints relating to mis-sold PPI are starting to tail off.
12. Children who have obesity _____ have high blood pressure and high cholesterol, which are risk factors for cardiovascular disease.