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C1 REGISTER ≈ 27 MIN

Hedging and Distancing – *practice on paper*

You know cautious and distancing language; now match claims precisely to evidence, doubt, and register.

Hedging limits a claim's strength; **distancing** additionally marks separation or doubt.

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BRICK 1 · SORT CAUTION AND DISTANCE · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each sentence. The left neutrally limits a conclusion; the right explicitly marks doubt or distance.

The pilot appears ready for a wider test. | Demand tends to dip after the holiday.

The data indicates a slower recovery. | The revised flow seems easier to follow.

Costs appear stable across both regions. | Apparently, the venue changed overnight.

The memo was supposedly approved on Monday. | The forecast supposedly lacked its final page.

Apparently, two files are still missing. | The supplier supposedly withdrew its offer.

CAUTIOUS CLAIM	DISTANCED CLAIM

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE CAUTIOUS SIGNAL · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Complete with suggest, arguably, presumably, or it seems that. Use the context to identify evidence, a defensible view, an assumption, or cautious framing.

01 The first interviews _____ that onboarding is too long.

02 Others may disagree: _____ , a phased release is safer.

03 The courier is late and will _____ arrive after lunch.

04 Use a cautious clause frame: _____ the checklist reduced repeat errors.

05 The complaint totals _____ a regional pattern.

06 The view is debatable: _____ , a shorter agenda helps.

07 Mina has accepted, so she will _____ lead the review.

08 This view is debatable: _____ , the revised layout needs another test.

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BRICK 3 · CORRECT STRENGTH AND FORM · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence contains exactly one error in claim strength, meaning, or form. Rewrite the full sentence to fit the context.

01 These two early responses prove that the campaign may have failed.

02 Our small poll confirms that customers dislike the menu.

03 The workshop is supposedly to start at 10:00.

04 Recent buyers tend struggling during account setup.

05 Arguable, the smaller office is more practical.

06 It would appears that the vendor changed course.

BRICK 4 · WRITE WITH CREDIBLE CAUTION · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one English sentence for each prompt. Deliberately distinguish neutral caution from doubtful distance.

01 Early data: use suggest for a limited conclusion.

02 Defensible view: use arguably in a recommendation.

03 Unconfirmed report: use apparently and mark distance.

04 Plan versus allegation: contrast supposed to and supposedly.

MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- [ ] I match the strength of my claim to the evidence.
- [ ] I use verb and adverb hedges for cautious conclusions.
- [ ] I use apparently and supposedly only for intended distance.
- [ ] I distinguish supposedly from the planned form supposed to.

Still unsure? Mark evidence, conclusion, and doubt first, then rewrite.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 The pilot appears ready for a wider test.
Cautious claim: appears limits the conclusion.

02 Demand tends to dip after the holiday.
Cautious claim: tends to marks a tendency.

03 The data indicates a slower recovery.
Cautious claim: indicates presents evidence.

04 The revised flow seems easier to follow.
Cautious claim: seems limits the assessment.

05 Costs appear stable across both regions.
Cautious claim: appear limits the finding.

06 Apparently, the venue changed overnight.
Distanced claim: apparently marks doubt.

07 The memo was supposedly approved on Monday.
Distanced claim: supposedly means allegedly.

08 The forecast supposedly lacked its final page.
Distanced claim: supposedly marks an allegation.

09 Apparently, two files are still missing.
Distanced claim: apparently marks separation.

10 The supplier supposedly withdrew its offer.
Distanced claim: supposedly marks an allegation.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 The first interviews **suggest** that onboarding is too long.
Evidence rule: suggest limits the conclusion.

02 Others may disagree: **arguably**, a phased release is safer.
Viewpoint rule: arguably marks a defensible view.

03 The courier is late and will **presumably** arrive after lunch.
Assumption rule: presumably marks a plausible assumption.

04 Use a cautious clause frame: **it seems that** the checklist reduced repeat errors.
Framing rule: it seems that limits the clause.

05 The complaint totals **suggest** a regional pattern.
Evidence rule: suggest presents totals as evidence.

06 The view is debatable: **arguably**, a shorter agenda helps.
Viewpoint rule: arguably allows disagreement.

07 Mina has accepted, so she will **presumably** lead the review.
Assumption rule: presumably labels the inference.

08 This view is debatable: **arguably**, the revised layout needs another test.
Viewpoint rule: arguably marks a debatable view.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 These two early responses **suggest** that the campaign may have failed.
Evidence rule: early responses prove no outcome.

02 Our small poll **indicates** that customers dislike the menu.
Evidence rule: indicates limits small samples.

03 The workshop **is supposed to** start at 10:00.
Schedule rule: supposed to states the plan.

04 Recent buyers tend **to struggle** during account setup.
Form rule: tend to precedes the verb.

05 **Arguably**, the smaller office is more practical.
Form rule: arguably is the required adverb.

06 It would **appear** that the vendor changed course.
Form rule: would precedes the base form.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your answers may differ if evidence strength and intended distance remain clear.

01 The first-week figures **suggest** that retention is improving.
Evidence rule: suggest keeps the conclusion limited.

02 **Arguably**, a regional pilot would reduce operational risk.
Viewpoint rule: arguably marks a defensible recommendation.

03 **Apparently**, the northern branch has delayed its opening.
Distance rule: apparently marks unconfirmed information.

04 The review **is supposed to** begin today; it was **supposedly** cancelled.
Meaning rule: schedule and allegation remain separate.

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