



Verbal Reasoning

LESSON 4

Extreme Language





Analysing the Type of Language

Sometimes, we can look at the language used to help predict the answer:

“UCL Medical School has become one of the most popular institutes in the UK. With recent investment in a new Medical Library, and development of the lecture theatres UCL is becoming a genuine dream medical school for any UK applicant”

Extreme Statement: UCL Medical School is the **best** medical school in the UK

Mild Statement: UCL Medical School is **one of the best** medical schools in the UK

By calling UCL the best medical school in the UK we are making a very definitive statement. However in the second statement, it's much milder being only one of the best. There's more chance of it being true if it is one of the best rather than the absolute best.

Mild Phrases



“UCL is one of the best universities”

Tend to be **True**.

“Might”
“Could”
“Sometimes”
“One of the (biggest)”

Extreme Phrases



“UCL is the best university”

Tend to be **False** or **Can't Tell**.

“Will always”
“Definitely”
“Every time”
“Biggest”

- **“Seeing a product used in a popular television programme will always increase the demand for the product”**

'Will always' is very definitive language, so the answer is more likely to be Can't Tell or False. If the statement said 'might' or "sometimes" then the answer is more likely to be True.

- ***"Nike running shoes are the best shoes in the sports market"***

'Best' is again extreme language. If the statement said they are 'one of the best', it is less extreme and more likely to be true.

- ***"Playstation 1 is no longer used in the UK"***

Saying that something is no longer used whilst there is not one word which may be classed as extreme - The entire phrase is extreme language. For the statement to be true nobody in the UK would have to be using a PlayStation one. Even common knowledge that seems very unlikely it will be very hard for us to tell if it's true or not. So for this one would be leaning towards false or cannot tell.



"Rarely used"



"No longer used"