

## Degrees of certainty

- 37.1**
- 1 We may well discover that the problem was caused by overheating.
  - 2 It would seem to appear from all the findings that the test is reliable.
  - 3 Of course it is **true** that not all factories cause huge amounts of pollution.
  - 4 We can certainly assume that the exchange rate will continue to fluctuate.
  - 5 It may well turn out not to be the case that all the questions were answered honestly.
  - 6 It could be argued that conflict was inevitable after the events of recent years.

- 37.2**
- In all cases, the adverbs may also be the first word in the sentence, except in the case of 'tentatively' and 'conclude', which usually occur next to each other.
- 1 Russo was **allegedly** a member of a terrorist organisation, but it was never proved.
  - 2 At that time, the population of tigers was **reportedly** widespread in the region.
  - 3 The collapse of the roof **apparently** caused a sprinkler system pipe to burst.
  - 4 To get a better job is **presumably** a main motivation for going on to higher education.
  - 5 We may **tentatively** conclude that water shortages are likely to increase rather than decrease.
  - 6 The students were **evidently** guessing some of the answers instead of using their knowledge of the context.

**37.3**

<i>noun</i>	<i>verb</i>	<i>adjective</i>	<i>adverb</i>
tendency	tend		
evidence		evident	evidently
	seem		seemingly
likelihood		likely	
perception	perceive	perceptible	perceptibly

- 37.4**
- 1 It is not very likely / It is highly unlikely that everyone will fail the test.
  - 2 Students **have a tendency** to leave preparation for exams till the last minute.
  - 3 It was **evident** that some students had copied each other's answers.
  - 4 There is a **common perception** that older people cannot learn musical instruments to a professional standard.
  - 5 The melting of the polar ice caps is **seemingly** inevitable.

- 37.5** *Suggested answers*
- 1 Rats are **generally considered to be** carriers of diseases.
  - 2 There is (only) **limited** evidence to support the opinion that diesel cars cause more pollution than petrol cars.
  - 3 There is every **likelihood** that rail passenger numbers will continue to decline.
  - 4 In the absence of evidence **to the contrary**, we must conclude that right-handedness is not linked to intelligence in any way.
  - 5 It is **undoubtedly** true that engineering graduates are in increasing demand.
  - 6 The area near the river is **liable to flood/flooding** in winter.