

Generalising/ hedging key words and collocations games

Use as many words as you can from below to make generalisations and discuss them, e.g. disagreeing with or asking more questions about your partner's generalisations. You can use several words below at the same time if you like. You can use any topic and change topic as many times as you like. The person who has used most words at the end of the game is the winner.

a	all	almost	always
amount	certainly	common	considerable
could	definitely	every	fairly
few	fewer	fraction	general
generalise	good	huge	in
just	large	less	likely
limited	little	majority	many
minority	much	must	never
no	sure	not	number
occasionally	occasions	often	on
only	over	percentage	perhaps
possibly	potentially	probably	rarely
really	seldom	simplification	simplify
small	some	sometimes	somewhat
substantial	tend	than	the
tiny	to	typically	un
under	vast	very	widespread
fair	couple	average	certain

Make as many collocations as you can from the words and prefixes above. You can use the same word and prefix more than once. This can be also played as a game for points, with one point for each correct collocation that no one has come up with so far.

Suggested collocations

Many others are possible

- a + considerable/ fair/ good/ huge/ large/ limited/ small/ tiny/ vast + amount/ number
- a + good/ small/ tiny + percentage
- a + small/ tiny + fraction
- almost + all/ always/ certainly/ every/ never/ no
- certainly/ definitely + not
- could+ perhaps/ possibly/ potentially
- couple/ few/ many/ much/ some + of + the
- fairly + certain/ sure
- fairly + large/ small
- fairly/ really/ very + common
- in + general
- just + over/ under
- many/ much + fewer/ less + than
- on + average
- on+ some + occasions
- only + rarely/ sometimes
- over+ simplification
- really+ must
- small/ substantial/ tiny + minority
- tend + to
- the+ vast+ majority
- to + over- + generalise/ simplify + somewhat
- un + common
- very + few/ likely/ little/ many/ occasionally/ often/ probably/ rarely/ seldom/ typically/ widespread