### **Degrees of Certainty**

It is generally

It might be

It could be

It may be

It is probably

It is likely

It is definitely

It is certainly

It is perhaps

It is possibly

It is indeed

It is undeniable

It can be

It is usually

It is invariably

It is

It is always

* Resource created by Sue Henderson-Kabakova
* Photocopy onto card, cut up, and give to students with copy of blank grid.
* Ask them to rank from top to bottom according to how certain the statements are.
* Stress there are no “right” answers. NB – the above layout is completely random!
* Give them card “It is” and ask where they would put it in the grid.
* Ask if they can strengthen or weaken the degree of certainty of any of the statements, eg by adding a word or phrase.
* Ask if they were to make the statements negative, eg “It is never” instead of “It is always”, would it make any difference to where they would place the cards.
* After student has placed all the other cards, give them the “It is” one and ask where they would place it.

Degrees of certainty

* Rank the cards in order of certainty from top to bottom. There is no right answer!
* Can you strengthen any of them – make them even more certain?
* Can you weaken any of them – make them even less certain?
* Make the statements negative. If you were to rank them again, do you think there would be any difference in where you would place any of the cards?