

SOME VIEWPOINT ADVERBS (SPEECH)*

I'm sure of the facts

actually, as a matter of fact, certainly, clearly, definitely, in actual fact, naturally, obviously, really, strictly speaking

I'm less sure of myself/the facts

apparently, arguably, as far as I know, at a guess, by all accounts, evidently, maybe, perhaps, possibly, probably, quite likely

I'm making a generalization

as a (general) rule, basically, by and large, for the most part, in general, in principle, in a way, normally, on the whole, to a great extent

I'm going to be brief

anyhow, briefly, in brief, in effect, in a few words, in short, to put it simply

I'm expressing my opinion

as far as I'm concerned, frankly (speaking), in my opinion, in my view, personally I think..., in all frankness, in all honesty, to put it bluntly

I don't want you to repeat this

between ourselves, between you and me, confidentially, in strict confidence

You won't believe this

amazingly, astonishingly, curiously, funnily enough, strangely, surprisingly, to my amazement, to my surprise

It's just as I expected

characteristically, inevitably, logically, naturally, needless to say, not surprisingly, of course, plainly, predictably, typically

I'm pleased/I'm not pleased

agreeably, annoyingly, foolishly, fortunately, happily, ideally, interestingly, luckily, mercifully, preferably, regrettably, sadly, unfortunately, unhappily, unwisely, wisely

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