Stance Adverbs Worksheet: Admittedly, Arguably, Frankly

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Form	Example
Admitting: admittedly, granted, of course	Admittedly, I should have checked.
Opinion and honesty: arguably, frankly, personally, honestly	Frankly, it was a waste of money.
Reaction: surprisingly, fortunately, worryingly, predictably	Worryingly, the numbers are rising.
Certainty and expectation: presumably, inevitably, ideally, apparently	Presumably, he forgot.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
Admittely, the plan has problems.	Admittedly, the plan has problems.
Actually, I live in Rome. (meaning: at the moment)	Currently / At the moment, I live in Rome.
Eventually we will win. (meaning: maybe)	Possibly / Perhaps we will win. (Eventually = in the end)

1. Complete

Complete with the adverbs in the box: admittedly · arguably · frankly · surprisingly · presumably · inevitably · ideally · apparently.

1. _____, the cheapest hotel was also the best.
2. She hasn't replied. _____ she's still on holiday.
3. _____, I'm tired of this discussion.
4. _____, you should sleep eight hours a night.
5. He is _____ the greatest footballer of all time.
6. _____, the plan is risky, but it's our only option.
7. As the city grew, traffic _____ got worse.
8. _____, the restaurant is closing. I read it online.

2. Choose

Circle the best option.

1. (Hopefully / Hopeful), the train will be on time.
2. (Actually / Currently), I work in a bank. (= at the moment)
3. (Eventually / Possibly), after three hours, the bus arrived.
4. (Predictably / Personally), the politician avoided the question.
5. (Worryingly / Fortunately), nobody was hurt.
6. (Apparently / Obviously), he's moving to Canada. That's what I heard.
7. (Admittedly / Surely), I wasn't very polite.

3. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.

1. Actually I am studying medicine, since last year. (= at the moment)

2. Surprising, she won the election.

3. Eventually it will rain tomorrow. (= maybe)

4. Frank, I don't like it.

5. Presumable, they forgot.

6. Hopefuly, we'll finish soon.

Writing

Write a short opinion column (6–7 sentences) about a change in your city or workplace. Start at least five sentences with a stance adverb.

Speaking

- Tell me about a recent news story, starting with 'Surprisingly...' or 'Worryingly...'
- Frankly, what do you think of social media?
- Ideally, where would you live and work?
- Who is arguably the most important person in your country's history?

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 Surprisingly · 2 Presumably · 3 Frankly · 4 Ideally · 5 arguably · 6 Admittedly · 7 inevitably · 8 Apparently

2. Choose: 1 Hopefully · 2 Currently · 3 Eventually · 4 Predictably · 5 Fortunately · 6 Apparently · 7 Admittedly

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 Currently I am studying medicine. · 2 Surprisingly, she won the election. · 3 Possibly / Perhaps it will rain tomorrow. · 4 Frankly, I don't like it. · 5 Presumably, they forgot. · 6 Hopefully, we'll finish soon.

Writing, model answer: Our city has finally opened its new metro line. Admittedly, it is three years late and well over budget. Surprisingly, the first week went smoothly. Frankly, I expected chaos. Inevitably, some people still complain about the price of tickets. Ideally, the line would also reach the airport. Hopefully, that will be the next project.