

Loughran-McDonald Sentiment Word Lists – Modal

Weak Modal

ALMOST
APPARENTLY
APPEARED
APPEARING
APPEARS
CONCEIVABLE
COULD
DEPEND
DEPENDED
DEPENDING
DEPENDS
MAY
MAYBE
MIGHT
NEARLY
OCCASIONALLY
PERHAPS
POSSIBLE
POSSIBLY
SELDOM
SELDOMLY
SOMETIMES
SOMEWHAT
SUGGEST
SUGGESTS
UNCERTAIN
UNCERTAINLY

Moderate Modal

CAN
FREQUENTLY
GENERALLY
LIKELY
OFTEN
OUGHT
PROBABLE
PROBABLY
RARELY
REGULARLY
SHOULD
TENDS

USUALLY
WOULD

Strong Modal

ALWAYS
BEST
CLEARLY
DEFINITELY
DEFINITIVELY
HIGHEST
LOWEST
MUST
NEVER
STRONGLY
UNAMBIGUOUSLY
UNCOMPROMISING
UNDISPUTED
UNDOUBTEDLY
UNEQUIVOCAL
UNEQUIVOCALLY
UNPARALLELED
UNSURPASSED
WILL