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Understanding the headlines

Here are some headlines from reports of science research. Notice that none of these headlines is definite. They all contain uncertainty.

Only huge emissions cuts will curb climate change

To have half a chance of stopping the world warming by 2°C, greenhouse gas emissions need to fall by up to 70% by 2050, a new study suggests

Coral reefs create clouds to control the climate

When temperatures soar, coral reefs might create cool shade by releasing chemicals into the atmosphere that promote cloud formation

Pollution fighter turns clot buster

A material used to clean up car exhaust fumes might one day be used in surgical dressings to prevent infections, clots, and even MRSA

Tasks

- 1 Look at these headlines and suggest the effects these might have on people reading them.
- 2 Would those headlines upset the general public?
- 3 Can you think of headlines that might be spread across the front page of a tabloid to bring this science information to the general public?
- 4 Does the headline of a newspaper make a difference?