

USING CAUTIOUS LANGUAGE: ANSWER KEY

The cautious language in this extract has been highlighted.

*The modelling presented here relied on a survey of food purchase data for input data on the current UK diet. Although our comparison with NDNS food and nutrient intake data (Table 3) **suggests** that the baseline diet estimates are **reasonably** valid, it **does suggest** that current UK fruit and vegetable consumption **may** have been overestimated. This is likely to be the case, as household wastage of fruit and vegetables is higher than that for other food categories.³⁶ This **may** have resulted in some overestimation of the health impact of achieving the dietary scenarios.*

Scarborough, P., Allender, S., Clarke, D., Wickramasinghe, K., & Rayner, M. (2012). Modelling the health impact of environmentally sustainable dietary scenarios in the UK, *European Journal of Clinical Nutrition* (2012) 66, 66(6), 710–715. <https://www.nature.com/articles/ejcn201234>

We have examples of;

- a hedging verb – **suggests** that, **does suggest** that
- a modal adverb – **reasonably** valid
- a modal verb – **may** have been overestimated, **may** have resulted
- **is likely to** (+ infinitive)

As we have seen, this kind of cautious language is very commonly used when the results of some research are being discussed, as is the case here.

at you're answering them. In that way you'll be able to maximise your performance.