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| **Neutral** | **Tentative** | **Strong** | |
| **Usually to present the facts** | **More speculative, not absolutely certain** | **Making a strong argument, either positive or negative** | |
| **Positive** | **Negative** |
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