

6 Stylistic choices and the argument they carry – Part 1 — Answers

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Work through these after you have tried the questions yourself.

2.1 a choice implies an alternative that was rejected, so analysing it means naming what else could have been written.

2.2 whether the second occurrence adds something the first did not.

2.3 wording that lowers the strength of a claim, such as “perhaps” or “it could be argued”.

2.4 it helps when the caution is genuine and appropriate; it harms when it makes the writer seem not to believe their own claim.

2.5 precision is saying exactly how much is claimed; confidence is committing to the claim - a precise claim can be modest.

2.6 any one of: suddenness; a stronger verb; the absence of an agent to blame. \