

Handout from George Lakoff's 1972 CLS 8 paper

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Hedges and Related Horrors

<i>more or less</i>	<i>one might say that</i>
<i>sort of</i>	<i>let us say that</i>
<i>kind of</i>	<i>might as well be</i>
<i>in a sense</i>	<i>to all intents and purposes</i>
<i>in one sense</i>	<i>for all practical purposes</i>
<i>in some sense</i>	<i>in an important sense</i>
<i>in a real sense</i>	<i>as it were</i>
<i>really</i>	<i>-like</i>
<i>actually</i>	<i>-ish</i>
<i>essentially</i>	<i>pseudo-</i>
<i>in essence</i>	<i>quasi-</i>
<i>in a manner of speaking</i>	<i>crypto-</i>
<i>so to say</i>	<i>so-called</i>
<i>strictly speaking</i>	<i>more of a ___ than anything else</i>
<i>a veritable</i>	<i>roughly</i>
<i>literally</i>	<i>a true ...</i>
<i>basically</i>	<i>a real ...</i>
<i>details aside</i>	<i>a regular ...</i>
<i>in a way</i>	<i>_____ enough to _____</i>
<i>mutatis mutandis</i>	<i>(only) technically</i>
<i>actually</i>	<i>in name only</i>
<i>can be looked at</i>	<i>almost</i>
<i>can be viewed as</i>	<i>virtually/all but technically</i>
<i>theoretically</i>	<i>for all I know</i>
<i>practically</i>	<i>for all I care</i>

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