Researchers tend to predict results when conducting studies. Expected results are generally presented in the introduction and abstract of a research report.

**DEGREES OF CERTAINTY**

Considering that expected results are generally hard to predict, writers use modal verbs to express certainty.

**WILL AND SHOULD**

**(STRONG PREDICTION)**

Results will contribute to enrich the existing literature on this issue.

**WOULD (HIGH PROBABILITY)**

This study would help researchers learn more about the human brain.

**MAY AND MIGHT (LESS PROBABLE)**

Evidence might indicate that learners are more comfortable with traditional lectures.