How to Soften an Opinion

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1. Choose the softer version.

Choose the sentence that sounds less absolute.

1. The idea is unrealistic.
   Choices: I feel like the idea might be unrealistic. / The idea is definitely unrealistic, obviously.

   Answer: _____

2. You are wrong about the schedule.
   Choices: I'm not sure, but I think the schedule works differently. / You are completely wrong about the schedule.

   Answer: _____

3. This job is not worth it.
   Choices: I guess this job may not be worth it for me. / This job is terrible for everyone.

   Answer: _____

2. Rewrite the opinion more softly.

Keep the main idea but reduce the directness.

1. Technology is destroying real communication.

2. College degrees are unnecessary.

3. Pets should never be allowed in workplaces.