

СМЯГЧЕНИЕ

1) **mind / view phrases** (e.g. *to my mind; in my opinion /view; from my point of view etc.*);

2) **verbs of thinking** (e.g. *think, believe, consider, suppose*), both in the affirmative and negative forms;

3) **as-phrases** (e.g. *as far as I know; as far as I'm concerned; as I see it; as for me etc.*);

4) **if-phrases** (e.g. *forgive me if I'm wrong; if I'm not mistaken; if you ask me etc.*);

5) **probability words** (e.g. *possibly, by (any) chance, happen*) and **modals** which could also be