# HMM

This interjection used mainly in spoken language to show slight interest, at least how I see it, expressing confusion and seeking clarification.

Well hmm.. hmmm

Hmm, you get the point. I hate it in written language when somebody texts you this “hmm” it truly triggers me. Imagine having a really great day. Everything you work on is on point. A waitress at a local café complimented your clothing, you found a loose cash laying on the ground. You decide to share half of this incredible day with your buddy/colleague/, insert a person of interest, and they have the AUDACITY to respond with hmm - ideally followed by cool.

Be polite, if you are not interested in the text message, just don’t respond… that is more acceptable for me than responding with hmm. Not even that it is impolite in my eyes, but on top of that I start questioning myself - “Did I do something wrong?” “What did I do to get this person so angry at me?” etc.

On the other hand, there are situations where hmm is suitable. For example, if you hear something interesting, that you’ve never heard before, you tend to use hmm, but always follow by a phrase “I like that/that is very interesting” etc. with appropriate tone of voice – that matters too. Using hmm is dancing on thin ice.

I can understand that it is the first thing that comes to mind, but please. Be mindful of people like me. Use it with this on your mind, think ahead if you have the time for it. Don’t be a “hmm” person, with hmm you show lack of interest, anger and you are disregarding the information given to you.