

# WHAT MAKES A GOOD GAME?

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## MISSION

To combine video game reviews with plot summaries and gameplay information, and use natural language processing techniques to predict critical reception



DATA

THE REAL STUFF

# BUILDING THE DATASET

## METACRITIC

Professional reviews

User reviews

ESRB Ratings

## WIKIPEDIA

Plot summaries

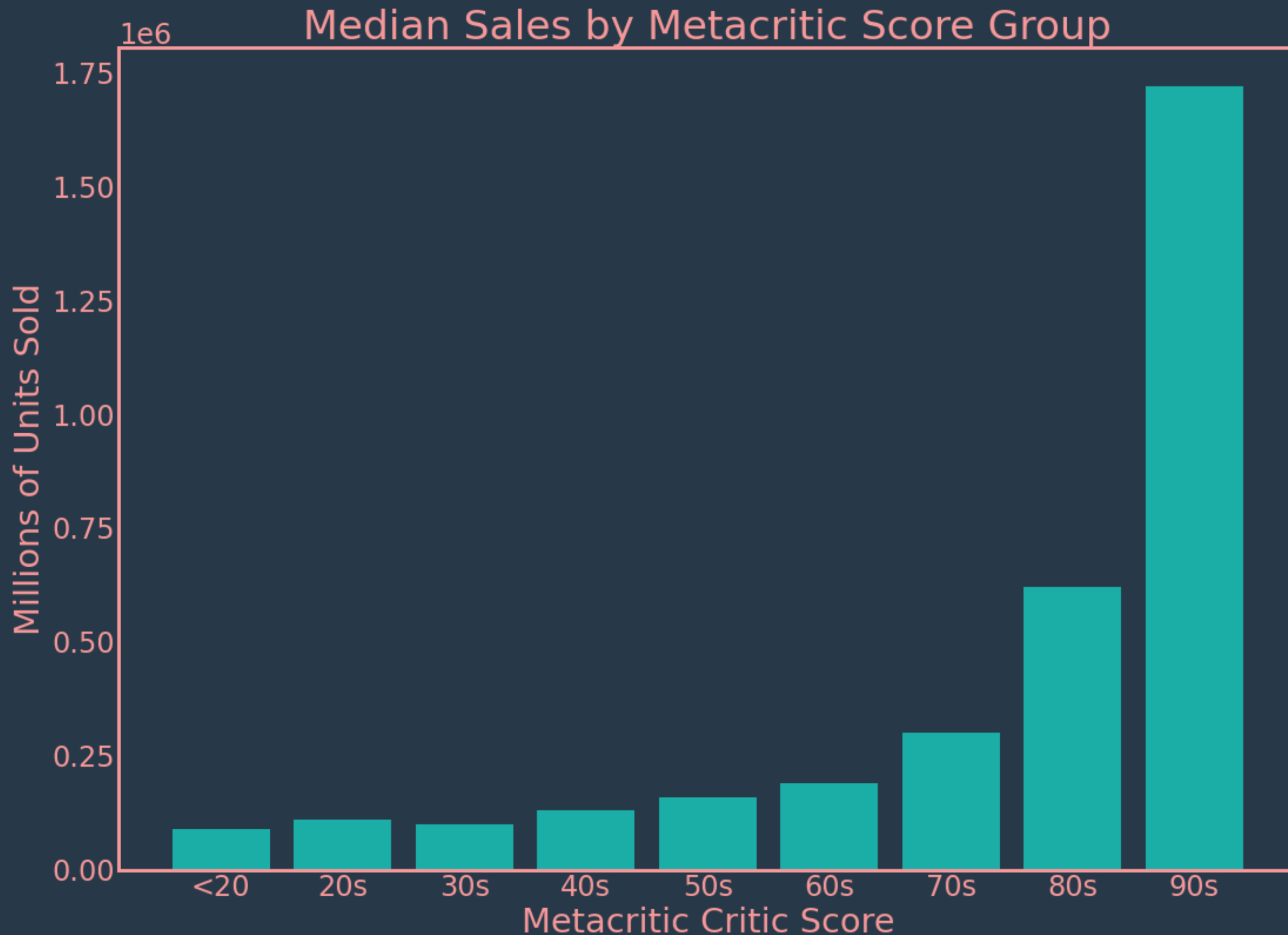
Gameplay details

## VGCHARTZ

Global/regional sales

Release dates

5500+ complete entries



TARGETING  
CRITIC  
SCORES

**WHO CARES?**

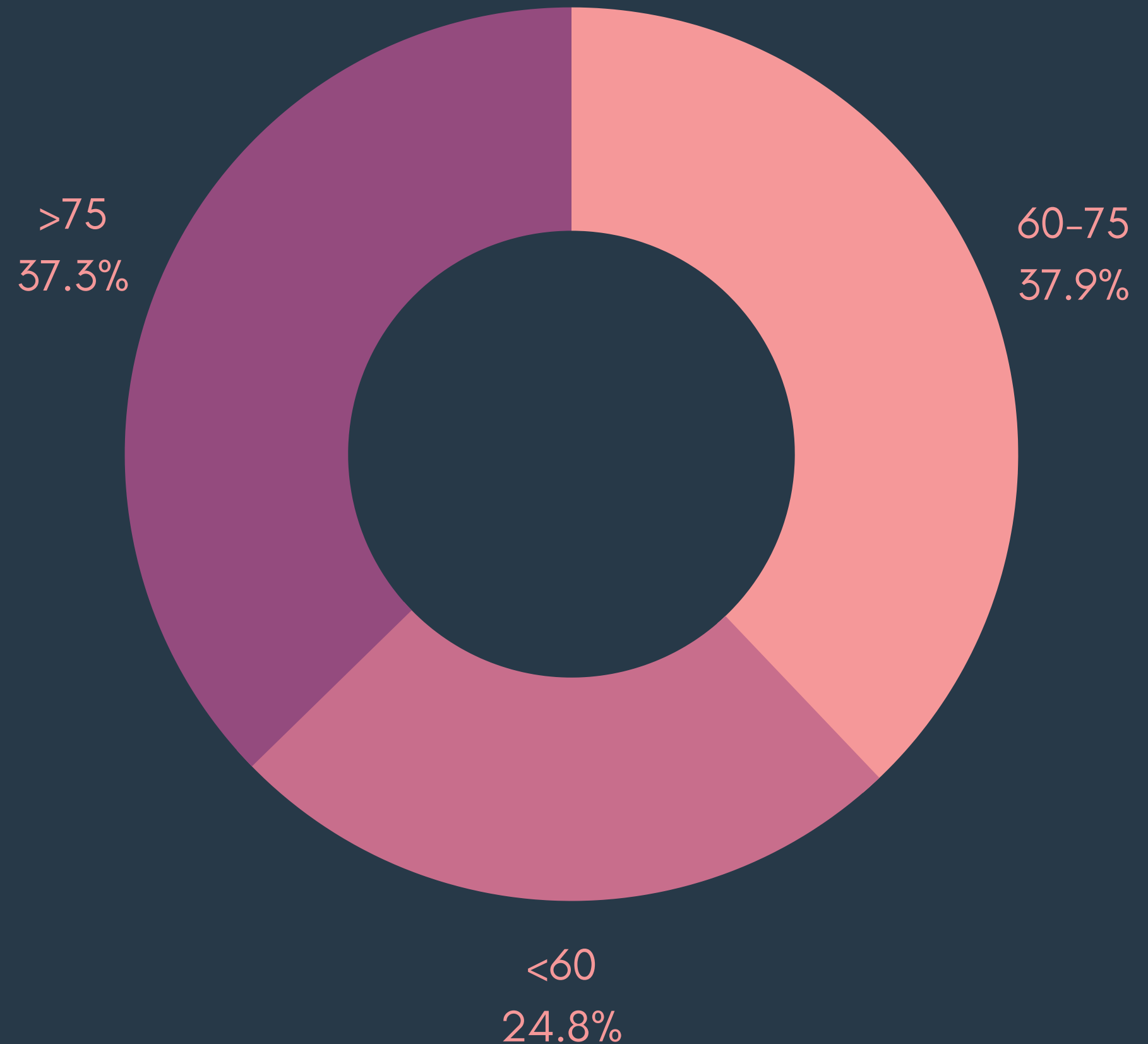
You care!

Higher critic scores  
will raise your global  
sales potential

# MAKING CLASSES

Turn this problem into  
a classification by  
binning the review  
scores into three  
classes of success

GAMES BY RATING CLASS





# Text Processing



## LEMMATIZATION

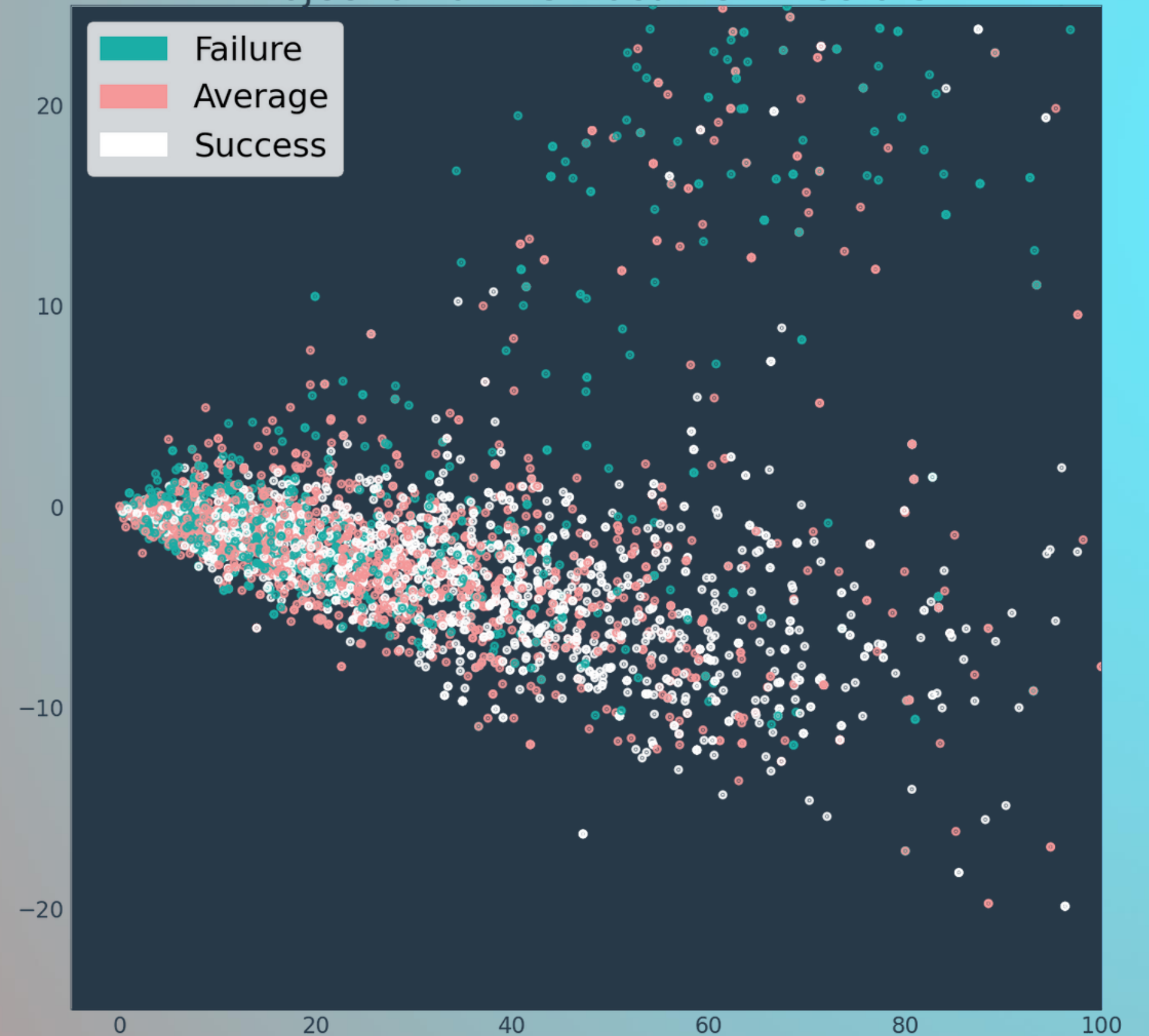
Reducing words to their roots



## VECTORIZATION

Turning the game descriptions into numerical data

Projection of the Document Vectors





# MODELING

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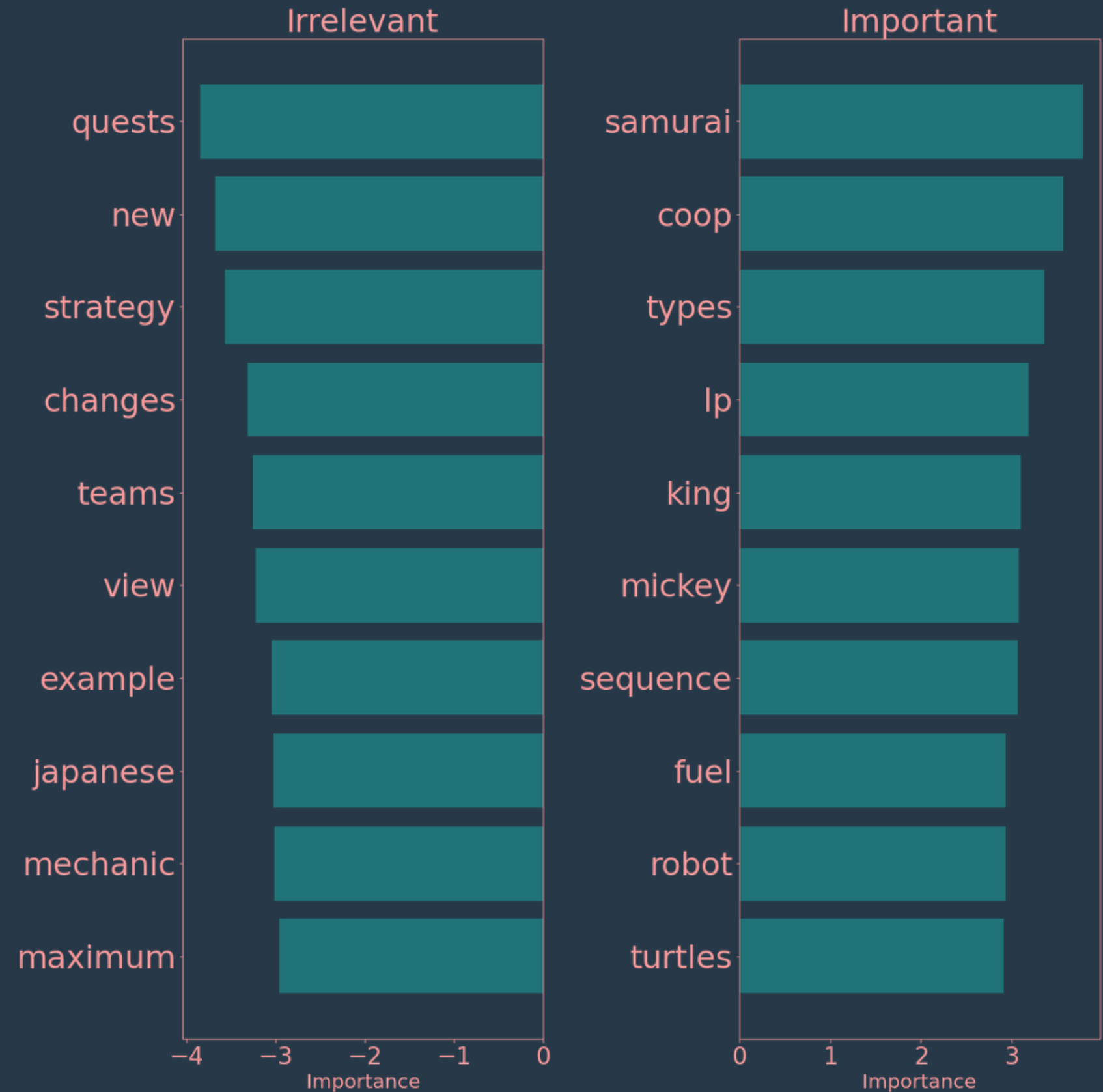


# THE MODEL SO FAR

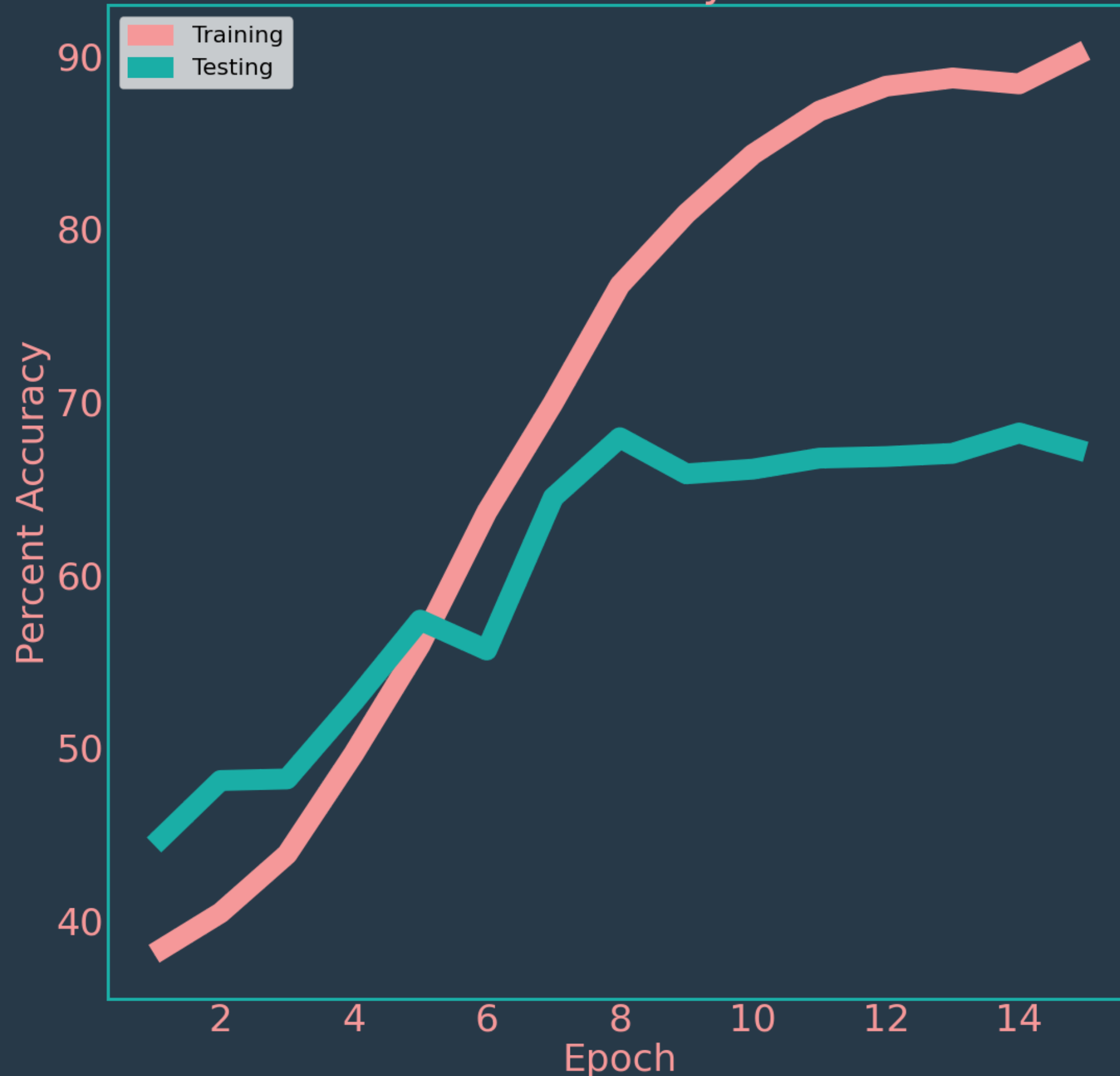
- Random Forest Classifier
- Balanced class weight
- Showing high variance

66% accuracy

Word Relevance for Critical Failures



Neural Net Accuracy over Time



# EMPLOYING DEEP LEARNING

## NEURAL NETWORKS CAN HELP

- Convolutional Neural Network
- Wikipedia2Vec embeddings
- Still shows high variance

70% accuracy

## FEATURE ENGINEERING

- Better text preprocessing
- More advanced word embeddings

## MORE POWER

- Further investigate NNs for NLP
- Utilize cloud computing

## DEPLOYMENT

- Develop a web application
- Design recommender system



FUTURE  
WORK

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