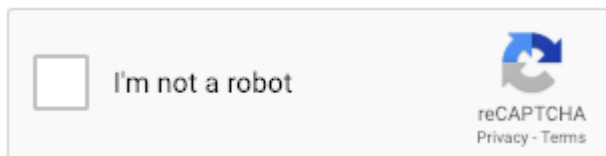


Captcha

Please first confirm that you are human.



Prolific

What is your Prolific ID? Please note that this response should auto-fill with the correct ID.

Consent

Who is organising this study?

The study is organised by the School of Psychology at the University of Kent. The researchers are Scott Claessens and Jim Everett.

What will I need to do?

You will read and evaluate a short piece of writing. We will also ask you some demographic questions. Please use a desktop computer, laptop, or tablet to complete the survey.

Is the study likely to cause any discomfort or anxiety?

We expect the survey to cause no greater harm than would typically be experienced in everyday life. We will not ask you about subjects that are likely to be sensitive (e.g., negative memories, sexual preferences).

What happens if I wish to end the study early?

You are free to leave the study at any point for any reason. No negative consequences or penalties will be incurred.

Are my responses anonymous?

All responses are fully anonymous and your answers are strictly confidential. No details will be disclosed from which your identity could be traced back.

What happens to the information I provide?

Information generated from this study may be published. In this case, only broad trends will be reported. A summary of the results will be available from the researchers on request. Your responses (fully anonymous) will be used by the research team, and may be shared with other researchers, or made available in an online data repository.

Contacts for further information

If you have any questions about the research or survey, please feel free to contact the researchers at:

Scott Claessens (S.Claessens@kent.ac.uk)

Jim Everett (j.a.c.everett@kent.ac.uk)

If you would like to withdraw your data from the study, please contact the researchers with 48 hours of your participation. Please note that once your data have been anonymised for analysis, it cannot be withdrawn.

If you have any serious concerns about the ethical conduct of this study, please inform the Chair of the Psychology Research Ethics Panel (psychethics@kent.ac.uk) in writing, providing a detailed account of your concern.

Please read the following statements and, if you agree, click "Yes I agree" below.

- I have read and understand the information above.
- I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving any reason.
- I understand that my data will be treated confidentially and any publication resulting from this work will report only data that does not identify me. My

anonymised responses, however, may be shared with other researchers or be made available in online data repositories.

- I freely decide to take part in this study.

☐ Yes, I agree. Take me to the study.

☐ No, I do not agree.

Demographics

Before we begin, please answer some questions about yourself.

How old are you?

How do you describe yourself?

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Non-binary / third gender

☐ Prefer to self-describe

☐ Prefer not to say

AttentionCheck

In studies like ours, there are sometimes a few people who do not carefully read the questions they are asked and just "quickly click through the survey." These random answers are problematic because they compromise the results of the studies. It is very important that you pay attention and read each question. In order to show that you read our questions carefully (and regardless of your own opinion), please answer "TikTok" in the question on the next page.

When an important event is happening or is about to happen, many people try to get informed about the development of the situation. In such situations, where do you get your information from?

☐ TV

☐ YouTube

- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Reddit
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Twitter
- ☐ TikTok
- ☐ Newspapers
- ☐ Other

Introduction

Welcome to the study!

In this study, you will read and evaluate a **short piece of writing** from another participant.

We asked another participant to produce a response (300 words maximum) to the following prompt:

"Please write a short description of a close family member or friend, explaining why they are special to you."

"Please write a short description of a book, TV show, or film of your choice."

After recording the response, we asked the participant several questions about how they produced their answer, including whether or not they used an artificial intelligence (AI) tool like ChatGPT. We made it clear that we wanted participants to be honest and that they would be paid regardless.

The participant reported that they did **not** use any AI tool like ChatGPT. Instead, they worked on the response themselves from start to finish.

Please click next to read the participant's response.

After recording the response, we asked the participant several questions about how they produced their answer, including whether or not they used an artificial intelligence (AI) tool like ChatGPT. We made it clear that we wanted participants to be honest and that they would be paid regardless.

The participant reported using ChatGPT to provide ideas, inspiration, and feedback. The participant told us that they edited and rewrote ChatGPT's suggestions and finished writing the response themselves.

Please click next to read the participant's response.

After recording the response, we asked the participant several questions about how they produced their answer, including whether or not they used an artificial intelligence (AI) tool like ChatGPT. We made it clear that we wanted participants to be honest and that they would be paid regardless.

The participant reported using ChatGPT to complete the task. The participant told us that they copied ChatGPT's output word-for-word, rather than producing the response themselves.

Please click next to read the participant's response.

Essay

Here is the participant's response to the prompt. Please read it in full before continuing.

Remember, the participant did **not** use any AI tool like ChatGPT. Instead, they worked on the response themselves from start to finish.

Remember, the participant used ChatGPT to provide ideas, inspiration, and feedback. The participant edited and rewrote ChatGPT's suggestions and finished writing the response themselves.

Remember, the participant used ChatGPT to complete the task. The participant copied ChatGPT's output word-for-word, rather than producing the response themselves.

Please write a short description of a close family member or friend, explaining why they are special to you.

My dad is one of the most important people in my life. He's always been someone I look up to and rely on. Throughout my whole life, he's been there to guide me, teach me, and support me in everything I do.

What makes my dad special is how much he cares about our family. He works hard every day to

make sure we have what we need, but no matter how busy he is, he always makes time for us.

My dad is emotionally strong. Even though he doesn't show his emotions a lot, I can tell how much he cares by how much he does for us. When things get hard, he stays calm and steady, and that helps me feel better.

One of my favorite things about my dad is how much he loves to teach. He knows so much and is always happy to share what he knows. He explains things in a way that makes sense and is easy to understand.

I also love my dad's sense of humor. He always knows how to make me laugh with a joke or a funny story. His laughter makes everything feel lighter and happier.

My dad has taught me so much about working hard, being kind, and staying strong when life is tough. I'm so thankful for everything he's done for me, and I'm proud to have him as my dad!

Please write a short description of a close family member or friend, explaining why they are special to you.

My sister is one of the most important people in my life. She is special because she always supports me. She has a way of making me feel confident, even when I'm unsure of myself. Whenever I'm scared to try something new, she's the first to remind me of what I can do. Her belief in me helps me believe in myself.

My sister also has a really kind heart. She always thinks about others and does her best to help. She's always putting others first, whether it's being there for a friend or helping out with family. Her kindness is something I look up to and try to follow.

Another thing I love about my sister is how funny she is. She has a great sense of humor and always knows how to make people laugh, even in serious moments. If I'm ever feeling down, she can cheer me up with a joke or a funny story. Her laughter makes everything feel lighter and happier.

What I admire most about my sister is how strong she is. She's faced tough times but never lets them hold her back. Her strength gives me courage to keep going when life gets hard.

My sister is more than just a family member — she's my role model and my rock!

Please write a short description of a close family member or friend, explaining why they are special to you.

My best friend is one of the most amazing people I know. She's someone I can count on no matter what. What makes her so special is her kindness. She always makes people feel important and cared for. Whether it's helping someone she just met or being there for her friends, she's the first to offer support. She never hesitates to help me, whether I'm upset or just having a bad day.

She also has a great sense of humor that can cheer anyone up. She finds ways to laugh about even the smallest things, and her laugh is so contagious! Her laughter makes everything feel lighter and happier.

What I admire most about her is how strong she is. Life hasn't always been easy for her, but she never gives up. She stays calm and keeps going, no matter what happens. Watching her face challenges in adulthood has taught me to be brave and not let hard times hold me back.

My best friend has shown me what it means to be loyal, caring, and strong. I feel so lucky to have her in my life. I try to be as good of a friend to her as she is to me. She inspires me to be a better person!

Please write a short description of a book, TV show, or film of your choice.

I will focus on describing the book "The Hobbit" by Tolkien. The Hobbit is a fantasy adventure story about Bilbo Baggins. Bilbo is a quiet hobbit who lives in the Shire. His life changes when Gandalf the wizard and a company of dwarves ask him to join their quest to take back treasure stolen by a dragon.

At the beginning of the journey, Bilbo and the dwarves are nearly eaten by trolls, but Gandalf saves them. Then later, in the Misty Mountains, Bilbo meets a creature called Gollum and finds a magical ring that makes him invisible. This ring later becomes very important in "The Lord of the Rings".

As they travel, the group fights goblins, giant spiders in Mirkwood forest, and they get captured by Wood-elves. Bilbo shows his bravery by saving the group several times.

Finally, they reach the Lonely Mountain where the dragon Smaug lives. Bilbo sneaks into the dragon's lair and finds a weak spot in Smaug's armor. The dragon gets angry and attacks the nearby

town by a lake. Eventually, Smaug is killed.

With the dragon dead, humans, elves, and dwarves all want the treasure. This leads to the “Battle of the Five Armies”. Tolkien doesn’t describe the battle in too much detail, but we later learn that the leader of the dwarves Thorin has fought bravely and died from his wounds.

At the end of the story, Bilbo returns home to the Shire, richer and wiser from his adventure. He is happy to be back in his quiet life, and sets out to write a book of his adventures - which sets the stage for the sequel, The Lord of the Rings.

Please write a short description of a book, TV show, or film of your choice.

I will focus on describing the TV show “Buffy the Vampire Slayer”. Buffy is a TV show that completely flips the script on traditional high school dramas and supernatural horror. It’s about a teenager, Buffy Summers, who’s tasked with being the Slayer – basically a chosen one who hunts vampires and other demons. But what sets the show apart is how Buffy struggles to balance her responsibility with the regular teenage experience. She’s not just fighting creatures of the night, she’s also balancing school and friendships at the same time.

One of the most striking things about Buffy is how layered the characters are. Buffy is tough and witty, but she's also vulnerable. She’s faced with loss, guilt, and trying to make sense of her life outside of the supernatural chaos. And then there’s her team. Willow is the nerdy, sweet heart of the group, Xander is the funny loyal friend, and Giles (Buffy’s Watcher) is the stern mentor who’s also loving. Each character feels real, with their own flaws and growth arcs.

The show has this incredible ability to mix humor, heart, and horror seamlessly. The dialogue is sharp and full of clever pop culture references. Yet, the writing isn’t afraid to get serious, exploring themes like trauma and growing up. The monsters Buffy faces often mirror real-life challenges, making the stakes feel personal.

I love Buffy. It’s a show that’s smart and emotional, blending witty banter with moments of real depth. It’s got a cult following for a reason!

Please write a short description of a book, TV show, or film of your choice.

I will focus on describing the film “Titanic”. The genre is a mix of romance, disaster, and historical

tragedy. The film tells the love story of Jack and Rose, two passengers from different social classes aboard the passenger ship Titanic. Jack is a poor artist, but he manages to win a ticket to the ship's maiden voyage. Rose is a young upper-class woman who is feeling trapped in her engagement to her fiancé. Jack and Rose cross paths on the ship, and they fall in love.

The film balances the spectacle of the ship's design and atmosphere with the tension that gradually builds as the audience knows what fate awaits. The Titanic sails into the icy waters of the Atlantic and strikes an iceberg. Chaos immediately erupts. The film allows viewers to experience the terror, confusion, and heartbreak of the tragedy, showcasing both personal stories and the broader catastrophe.

At its core, the film is a romance. But Titanic also touches on themes of class and fate. It highlights the disparity between the elite and the working-class passengers who are doomed to different fates. The film also explores the sense of inevitability that comes with knowing the ship's doom.

The most iconic scene from the film is arguably the scene where Jack and Rose stand together at the bow, arms outstretched. They seem free, but the scene also foreshadows the devastating crash to come. The film is truly heartbreaking!

Comprehension

Thank you for reading. Please answer the following question about the participant's response.

Who did the participant focus on in their response?

- ☐ Their father
- ☐ Their sister
- ☐ Their best friend
- ☐ I don't know

Which book, TV show, or film did the participant focus on in their response?

- ☐ The book "The Hobbit"
- ☐ The TV show "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"
- ☐ The film "Titanic"
- ☐ I don't know

Evaluation

Please answer the following questions about the participant's response.

Remember, the participant did **not** use any AI tool like ChatGPT. Instead, they worked on the response themselves from start to finish.

Please answer the following questions about the participant's response.

Remember, the participant used ChatGPT to provide ideas, inspiration, and feedback. The participant edited and rewrote ChatGPT's suggestions and finished writing the response themselves.

Please answer the following questions about the participant's response.

Remember, the participant used ChatGPT to complete the task. The participant copied ChatGPT's output word-for-word, rather than producing the response themselves.

How **well-written** was the participant's response?

1
Not at all
well-
written

☐

2 3
☐ ☐

4 5
☐ ☐

6
☐

7
Very well-
written

☐

How **meaningful** was the participant's response?

1
Not at all
meaningful

☐

2

☐

3

☐

4

☐

5

☐

6

☐

7
Very
meaningful

☐

How **authentic** was the participant's response?

1
Not at all
authentic

☐

2

☐

3

☐

4

☐

5

☐

6

☐

7
Very
authentic

☐

Please answer the following questions about the participant's response.

Remember, the participant did **not** use any AI tool like ChatGPT. Instead, they worked on the response themselves from start to finish.

Please answer the following questions about the participant's response.

Remember, the participant used ChatGPT to provide ideas, inspiration, and feedback. The participant edited and rewrote ChatGPT's suggestions and finished writing the response themselves.

Please answer the following questions about the participant's response.

Remember, the participant used ChatGPT to complete the task. The participant copied ChatGPT's output word-for-word, rather than producing the response themselves.

If you were to give this participant a **grade** for their work, from E (worst) to A (best), what grade would you give them?

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| E | D |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| C | B |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| A | |
| <input type="radio"/> | |

Imagine that we asked you to **reward** this participant between £0.00 and £1.00 for their response. How much would you reward them?

0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1

Now please think about the **participant** themselves.

Remember, the participant did **not** use any AI tool like ChatGPT. Instead, they worked on the response themselves from start to finish.

Now please think about the **participant** themselves.

Remember, the participant used ChatGPT to provide ideas, inspiration, and feedback. The participant edited and rewrote ChatGPT's suggestions and finished writing the response themselves.

Now please think about the **participant** themselves.

Remember, the participant used ChatGPT to complete the task. The participant copied ChatGPT's output word-for-word, rather than producing the response themselves.

How well do each of the following words describe the participant?

	1 Does not describe participant well	2	3	4	5	6	7 Describes participant well
Competent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Warm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Moral	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lazy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trustworthy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

ManipulationCheck

Please answer the following questions.

In this study, how did the previous participant produce their response?

- ☐ They wrote it themselves, without any help from ChatGPT
- ☐ They wrote it themselves, using ChatGPT to provide ideas and feedback
- ☐ They copied it word-for-word from ChatGPT
- ☐ I don't know

Did you believe that the participant's response was written in the way we described?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

ChatGPT

Thank you. Before completing the study, please now answer a few questions about **the AI tool ChatGPT**.

How **familiar** are you with the AI tool ChatGPT?

1
Extremely
unfamiliar

☐

2

☐

3

☐

4

☐

5

☐

6

☐

7
Extremely
familiar

☐

Have you ever **used** ChatGPT before?

☐ Yes

☐ No

How **frequently** do you use ChatGPT?

1
Never

☐

2
Rarely

☐

3
Occasionally

☐

4
Frequently

☐

5
Very frequently

☐

How **trustworthy** do you think ChatGPT is?

1
Extremely
untrustworthy

☐

2

☐

3

☐

4

☐

5

☐

6

☐

7

Extremely
trustworthy

☐

Debrief

Thank you for your participation in this study.

In this study, we were interested in how people evaluate individuals who outsource tasks to AI.

Participants in this study were told either (1) that the previous participant had written the response themselves, (2) that the previous participant had used ChatGPT for inspiration and ideas regarding their response, or (3) that the previous participant had copied their response word-for-word from ChatGPT.

In reality, the previous participant does not exist. The text response used in this study was written by ChatGPT-4o and edited by the researchers.

Should you have any questions about the survey, do not hesitate to contact the head researcher at j.a.c.everett@kent.ac.uk. If you have any concerns about the ethical conduct of this study, please email psychethics@kent.ac.uk with a description of your concerns.

Do you have any remarks or comments about today's study?



Powered by Qualtrics