

COMPSCI 4NL3: Natural Language Processing Annotation Guidelines

Team 4

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1 Annotation Guidelines

Below are the guidelines developed during the annotation process and agreed upon by the annotators. Note that these guidelines were specifically developed for annotating interview responses from asap-sports and should not be directly used annotating other types of text before considering and adapting to other contexts and media. All examples provided are related to NBA or WNBA interview responses.

2 Labels and Definitions

The labels are divided into the classes **focus** and **sentiment**. Focus can be labels individual or team and sentiment can be labels positive or negative. Focus has to do with whether the response focuses on the *individual (self)* or the *team*. Sentiment is based on whether the speaker is expressing *positive* or *negative* emotion.

3 Rules

For annotating focus, think about whether the coach/player emphasized teamwork or individual contributions. If both are true then the stronger instance should apply or the one that comes first if they are equally represented. For annotating sentiment, think about the tone coach/player is trying to convey. If they are excited, hopeful, or showing a growth-mindset, this would be positive. However if the response is lacking confidence or dissatisfied, this would be negative.

4 Case Examples

1. Yeah, we are not down. We're positive. This is a group that believes. We didn't get an opportunity to get a split or win two here on the road. Now Boston held serve. Now we've got to go home and hold serve.

- **Assigned Labels: Positive, Team**

This is labeled positive as the sentiment is overall hopeful. They mention that they are not down and that this is a group that believes, they are determined to win. We is used multiple times when talking about their attitude and this is a sign of a team focused mentality.

2. Big. The small things, you know, we have to do the small things, and that's part of the game. Those are points that we left on the board, and we didn't shoot free throws well tonight, and we have to be better.

- **Assigned Labels: Negative, Team**

This is labeled negative as they say they didn't do well and costed points on the board. It shows disappointment and a desire to improve. It is also focused on the team as it is not just focused on any single player.

3. Yeah, I think Luka is a special player. He's one of, if not the best player in the world, and he causes a problem. He's able to find guys. Again, creating open opportunities, and we just didn't take advantage of it.

- **Assigned Labels: Positive, Individual**

This is labeled positive as they are lifting up a player. It is mainly focused on this player and how they played thus it is labeled individual.

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