

## Thank you

Now we would like you to move on the **second part of the study**, which is a little different to the first.

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## What do I need to do?

Some researchers believe that **the kinds of reasons we think are likely to be responsible for events can differ, depending on our moods**.

In this part of the study, we will ask you to think about a new series of events, that occur in **three different scenarios. Each scenario represents a different kind of mood a person can be in** (although we won't tell you what kind of mood it is!)



This means that, although the events that occur during each mood scenario will all be different, **the same kind of underlying reasons will be thought to be responsible for events within each scenario**.

For each scenario or mood state, it is now your job to try and work out *what kinds of reasons are thought to be responsible for events*.

## What do I need to do?

Specifically, you will be asked to **read a new series of sentences describing everyday events**.

Below each sentence, are **two different potential explanations** for why that event occurred.



For each event, you must **choose which you think the most likely explanation is**, by clicking on the relevant thought bubble.

## What do I need to do?

You will then **discover if that explanation was correct or not, for this particular scenario or mood**.

If you chose the correct explanation, you will see a tick symbol, and the word CORRECT. If you chose the incorrect explanation, you will see a cross symbol, and the word INCORRECT.

The correct explanation will be highlighted in green text.



As we would like people to stay focused on learning during each scenario, there is a **time limit** to enter your answer for each event. If no choice is made within the time limit (**15 seconds**), then the screen will show the message 'You didn't choose in time!'. You will then be asked to choose for that event again.

We ask that people try and not have too many timed-out choices. Submissions with a very high rate of time-out choices may not be approved. **Each scenario should take around 3 minutes** to run through (three scenarios in total) - and you can take a short break between scenarios if you like.

## What do I need to do?

To recap, **for each scenario or mood, there is one kind of explanation that is the correct answer**. This will stay the same all the way through each scenario, but may change *between* scenarios.

Your job during the study is therefore to learn, through trial and error, **what you think the right kind of explanation is for that scenario or mood**.



In order to motivate you to learn the right explanations, all approved submissions will **earn a bonus** payment, the size of which depends on **how many answers you get right**. Specifically, you will earn an extra 1.6 pence for every correct explanation you choose (**max possible bonus £0.96**).

Before you continue to the second part of the study, we will ask you to **answer some quick questions**. This is in order to make sure we have explained the new information clearly enough.



If you don't get all the questions right, you will be routed back to the start of these instructions to try again.

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**1. The point of this part of the study is to...**

**A** Select the reason you think is most likely to be correct, according to how you think most people would explain the causes of different events

**B** Select the reason you think is most likely to be correct, according to what you think would be the main cause behind an event if it happened to you right now

**C** Select the reason you think is most likely to be correct, thinking about the kinds of reasons that have been responsible for events so far for this scenario or mood

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- A     B     C

**2. This part of the study will ask me to think about events that happen in three different scenarios. The best way to think about these different scenarios is...**

**A** That each scenario represents a different kind of mood a person can be in. This means that events within each scenario will have all kinds of different underlying reasons, which it is impossible to learn

**B** That each scenario represents a different kind of mood a person can be in. This means that events within each scenario are thought to be caused by similar reasons, but that when the scenario or mood changes, the kind of reasons thought to be correct may also change

**C** That each scenario represents a different kind of mood a person can be in. This means that events are likely to be explained by the same kinds of reasons all the way through the study

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- A     B     C

**3. After I select the reason I think is responsible for each event, I will find out whether my choice was correct or incorrect.**

**A** To help me learn, the incorrect explanation will disappear from the screen. For every correct answer, I will earn a sense of personal satisfaction

**B** To help me learn, the correct explanation will be highlighted in green text. For every correct answer, 1.6 pence will be subtracted from my total payment

**C** To help me learn, the correct explanation will be highlighted in green text. For every correct answer, I will earn a bonus payment of 1.6 pence

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- A     B     C

**4. I understand that some quality-control rules will be applied to my submission.**

**A** Submissions with a high number of timed-out choices from this part of the study will definitely be approved

**B** Submissions with a high number of timed-out choices from this part of the study may not be approved

**C** Submissions with a high number of correct choices from this part of the study may not be approved

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- A     B     C

## Thank you! You got all the questions correct!

Just to remind you one more time, what we would like you to do for this part of the study is read the description of each event, then **select the reason you think is most likely to be correct** for the event, thinking about **the kinds of reasons that have been thought to be correct for events so far for during this particular scenario or mood.**

Please try and choose your answer as accurately as possible. *If you try and click on an answer too quickly after the description has been displayed, it may not register yet.*

**Each scenario should take around 3 minutes** to run through, and we will task you about three different scenarios in total. If you like, you can take a short break between each of the scenarios.

Please press the **continue** button when you are ready to start!

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## Welcome to the task

**You are now ready to start learning about the first scenario.**

Remember, each scenario can be thought of as representing a *a different kind of mood a person can be in.*

Press the button below when you are ready to start!.

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## **Someone you were at school with reaches out to ask how you are doing**



I'm the sort of person people like to keep in touch with

I probably used to get on well with this particular person

## **You tell someone you are close to you that you admire them, but they don't tell you the same back**



People who know me well don't view me positively

I likely didn't communicate to them that I might like to hear the same said back to me

## You overhear a friend telling someone that you can't be trusted



I may have done  
something recently to  
annoy this person

Fundamentally, I'm not  
a good person

**Well done!**

You are now finished with this scenario!

When you are ready, press continue to move on.

Remember, each scenario represents a different kind of mood a person can be in.

The kinds of reasons thought to be behind events in the new scenario may be different to the kinds of reasons thought to be correct during the previous scenario.

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