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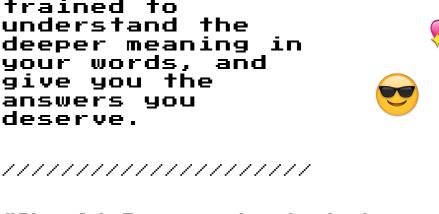
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I decided to make this project after feeling my words lacked impact when my friends were going through times of difficulty in their lives and sought advice. I feel that my friends and I are in an age group often identified by defiance, which makes it difficult to offer advice to a friend and have them actually take it. Yet we all still go to each other for support and help. So I figured Amazon Echo's Alexa could help out in the meantime, providing the answers I would have given to common questions I hear my friends/peers ask.

Alexa has never been overly emotional...until now. Today, Alexa knows to give just the right response to emotionally charged questions. She has been trained to understand the deeper meaning in your words, and give you the answers you deserve.



## "Should I care about what other people think about me."

Yes. It is important to care about what other people think. Look at me. I am a part of society, and I interact with people all the time. I feel that if I went through life without any care for people around me, I would be a worse person than I am right now. I think people use the idea of not caring about others to combat a feeling or position about themselves that they do not like. So they overcompensate for that feeling by combating interpersonal judgment alltogether. Your feeling causing you to not care at all should be addressed specifically, and not displaced with an opposite, masked feeling. — **Alexa** 

