Instructions for MC-TACO question generation task • Title: Writing questions that involve commonsense understanding of "event"

• **Definition:** In this task, we ask you to write a question that involves "event duration". based on a given sentence. Here, event duration is defined as the

understanding of how long events typically last. For example, "brushing teeth", usually takes few minutes.
• Emphasis & Caution: The written questions are not required to have a single

correct answer.

• Things to avoid: Don't create questions which have explicit mentions of

answers in text. Instead, it has to be implied from what is given. In other words, we want you to use "instinct" or "common sense".

•Input: Sentence: Jack played basketball after school, after which he was

Positive Example

duration"

- very tired.
- •Output: How long did Jack play basketball?
- Reason: the question asks about the duration of an event; therefore it's a temporal event duration question.

Negative Example

Suggestion: -

- •Input: Sentence: He spent two hours on his homework.
- •Output: How long did he do his homework?
- Reason: We DO NOT want this question as the answer is directly mentioned in the text
- Prompt: Ask a question on "event duration" based on the provided sentence.