Annotation Task Description: Evaluating Basicness of Concepts

Task Overview

You will help evaluate the "basicness" of a set of concepts in your native language. Each concept will come with a brief definition. Your task is to assess how "basic" the concept feels to you by assigning it a score from **1** (not basic) to **4** (most basic). This score reflects how fundamental, intuitive, or commonly used the concept is in everyday life.

What is Basicness?

Basicness refers to how natural or intuitive a concept is for people to recognize, name, and use in communication. Highly basic concepts are:

- **Commonly used** in daily conversations.
- **Easily identified** and visualized (e.g., "dog" is more basic than "poodle").
- **Learned early** in life (e.g., "apple" vs. "Granny Smith").
- **Culturally important** or universally relevant.

Basic concepts often represent a middle ground between very broad categories (like "animal") and very specific ones (like "Dalmatian"). For example:

- **Basic**: "dog"
- **Too Broad**: "animal"
- **Too Specific**: "poodle"

How to Evaluate Basicness

You will receive a list of **concepts** and their **definitions**. For each concept, think about the following:

1. **Familiarity**: Is this concept a common part of everyday life?
2. **Universality**: Is this concept widely understood, even by those with limited knowledge or expertise?
3. **Simplicity**: Does the concept feel straightforward and easy to explain?
4. **Cultural Importance**: Does this concept play a central role in your language and culture?

Scoring Guide

Use the following scale to score each concept:

- **1 (Not Basic)**: Rarely used or abstract; feels complex or highly specific.

    - Example: "Hygrometer" (a tool for measuring humidity).

- **2 (Somewhat Basic)**: Familiar but not commonly used or culturally central.

    - Example: "Labrador" (a specific breed of dog).

- **3 (Basic)**: Frequently encountered and widely known; feels natural to use.

    - Example: "Chair" (a common item of furniture).

- **4 (Most Basic)**: Universal, core concept; easy to recognize, name, and understand.

    - Example: "Dog" (a universal and easily recognized animal).

Examples

Here are some sample concepts with explanations of their scores:

Concept	Definition	Score	Reasoning
Dog	A common domesticated animal.	4	Universally known, easy to visualize, often one of the first animals learned.
Animal	A living being other than a plant.	3	Broad but still familiar; less specific than "dog."
Poodle	A specific breed of dog.	2	Familiar but more specific and less universal.
Hygrometer	An instrument for measuring humidity.	1	Highly specific and rarely used in daily life.

Instructions

1. Review the **concept** and **definition** provided.
2. Assign a **score from 1 to 4** based on the scoring guide above.
3. Submit your score for each concept.

Important Notes

- There are no right or wrong answers; we are interested in your intuition and perspective.
- If a concept feels unfamiliar or unclear, use your best judgment based on the provided definition.
- Please take your time and think about how basic the concept feels to you in your cultural and linguistic context.