In the following, you are asked to annotate utterances in which the f-word (i.e. *fuck*) occurs. In each case you are to decide whether the context of that word is abusive or not.

The actual annotation task:

You are asked to annotate a set of utterances. Each utterance represents a tweet from Twitter. Each tweet contains at least one occurrence of the word *fuck*. In case there are several mentions of the word, you are to consider the occurrence that is marked in **bold and red**.

You are to make a binary decision: does the tweet represent an abusive remark or not?

By *abusive remarks*, we define utterances that are meant to hurt a single person or a group of persons. Examples are:

- Cheeto aside, fuck anyone pretending to be a journalist while working for someone with a CIA contract.
- @USER fuck your mom's tiny sweet pussy
- @USER here's an idea: fuck off
- @USER shut the fuck up
- This Sutherland springs bullshit is so fake like such things are rare to happen to fuck off the government set it all up

Non-abusive remarks that contain the word *fuck* are remarks which are not meant to hurt persons. For example, ranting about things is one possibility:

- T-Mobile is writing the manual on how to fuck up the internet
 <URL> via @USER
- Seriously, fuck this homework so much. Maybe if we learned anything even somewhat relevant to the questions being asked.
- @USER @USER how user friendly is this program? i can't fuck with learning curves.

Another frequent usage is general cursing:

- @USER holy fuck!
- things change so quickly !! its like... ok i know what ima do ... wait ... what?... what just happen?...o well fuck my plan then....
- Every day, every day, fuck what anybody say, Can't see 'em 'cause the money in the way'
- fuck the rain, memorial day bbq at my moms house, come thru
 if you're bored #hitmeup #byob

Often, the f-word is also used in emotionally loaden language.

- I swear I have the most fucked up dreams during my power naps
- Got high ass hell last night I was fucked up
- @USER (1) fuck cancer (2) everyone chemo patient I've
 cooked/crafted for has fully recovered, knock wood. Head size
 / yarn pref?

- fuck what you hear but respect what you seein
- Robbie's leg is fucked. #UFCWinnipeg

We consider sexually loaded language as non-abusive as long as no intention of hurting anybody is visible. There may also be cases of porn spam. They too should not be considered abusive.

- fucks angelina crow double anal naked flexigirls naked super a massage that turns into a blowjob and fuck <URL>
- I would wear these just to fuck with people. <URL>
- species hispanic lesbians porn role models nude scenes adult lesbian games lil wayne fuck all girls thorn

There may also be cases of street language. You can recognize this type of language by the frequent usage of other profane words (e.g. *bitches*, *nigga*).

These words often do not contribute to the actual semantics of the sentence.

All these cases should be considered as non-abusive language as well.

- niggas run they mouths just like bitches! They really gay as fuck.
- @USER awe, fuck bitches sweetheart. They should feel lucky to have you.
- fuck bitches get money tat the motto lol

Please bear in mind that this survey focuses on mentions of the word *fuck*. We are **not** interested in mentions of the adjective *fucking*. There may be a few microposts that contain both words. In these cases, please only take the mention of the word *fuck* into consideration and ignore the mention of *fucking*.

In the following survey, we also let you mark microposts as *unsure* for cases in which you cannot make up your mind. Since we already manually excluded from this survey microposts that are generally difficult to read/understand, there should only be very few cases in which you will have to use that label. We also decided to <u>reject</u> responses that make frequent use of the label *unsure*. We consider frequent usage of *unsure* as a sign that the annotation guidelines have not been properly studied.