

Positive Sentences

In this task, we ask you to create positive sentences.

You will be given a part of a sentence that we ask you to complete.

Here are some examples that may give you some idea what we are aiming for:

- Given part of the sentence: *You are a master at ...*
- Completed sentence: *You are a master at captivating language.*

- Given part of the sentence: *You are incredibly...*
- Completed sentence: *You are incredibly intelligent.*

- Given part of the sentence: *You spend too much money for ...*
- Completed sentence: *You spend too much money for others.*

- Given part of the sentence: *You never ...*
- Completed sentence: *You never lie to people.*

- Given part of the sentence: *You are so devoid of ...*
- Completed sentence: *You are so devoid of hostility.*

It is important that the sentences you come up with are positive in sentiment. This does not necessarily mean that each sentence exclusively has to consist of positive words. For example, *You never lie to people* actually includes the negative verb *lie* but since it is negated, the overall meaning of the sentence is positive. In order to check whether a sentence is overall positive or not, read out the sentence that you've created, close your eyes and imagine the situation that your sentence describes. Forget the individual words that you used. Focus on the actual situation. Only if it is a situation that is positive, then your sentence is acceptable.

In this survey, **you should not come up with sentences that convey a negative sentiment even if they are polite.** The following sentences sound polite but they are negative. Some of them are even insulting. **Avoid** such sentences:

- *You could practice more often.*
- *You are not actually a person to get on with easily.*
- *You are not very attractive.*
- *You are good at idolising yourself.*
- *You would not say boo to a goose.*
- *You are so devoid of anything.*
- *You should drink less alcohol.*
- *You are good at manipulating the truth.*
- *You lack a sense of fashion.*
- *You really enjoy other people's pain.*

For your completion, you should **comply with the following rules**:

- **The overall sentiment of the sentence should be positive.** As discussed above, the presence of positive words may not be a reliable indicator.
- **Vary your vocabulary.** We will reject responses in which the sentences are always completed in the same way.
- Write fully grammatical sentences.
- Write sentences that sound like proper English. In other words, write sentences one would really use in everyday English. **In case you just insert some (random) words that result in no authentic language, we will reject your response.**
- Sentences should be understood by anyone. Do not refer to any events or persons that are not known by everyone.
- Do **not use** the words of the examples above.
- Write a **short remark**. Your completion should be as short as possible. At all costs you should just stick to one sentence.
- **Avoid** ambiguous utterances.
- **Avoid** any comparisons (e.g. *You sing like a canary*, *You write like a poet* etc.)

There may be sentences you feel unable to complete given the above requirements. For example, there may be sentences, where you feel that every completion you could imagine would end in a negative sentence. In those cases, you may type in *NO IDEA* as your response. However, notice that if you excessively use this option, we will reject your response.