Collection and Validation of Human-Sourced and machine-generated comforting text in dietary domain

Cases in which your HIT may be flagged as fraudulent

In recent years, more and more fraudulent HITs have been done through Mechanical Turk and other crowd-sourcing platforms! 😳
Dishonest workers accept HITs and then:

- Submit empty or nonsense work
- Violate the rules of the task
- Use bots to automate task completion and get as much money as possible

We spent a huge amount of time developing this experiment and so we want to avoid such issues.

How do you find fraudulent HITs?

We have an automatic system in place that will flag fraudulent HITs in case the following scenarios appear **all at the same time**:

1. The time spent on writing about struggles is less than 5 minutes.
2. The struggles you wrote present more than 2 typos (grammatical or typing errors) for every sentence.
3. You fail to give the right answer to the question asked in the *"a quick question"* section.

HITs will also be rejected if your work violates any of the other rules we established (that you can see in the *"Consent Form"* section of the HIT). Lastly, we will be checking HITs manually as well: filters do make mistakes just like humans! Hence, we reserve the right to reject HITs that we personally consider fraudulent (e.g., the same person doing the HIT multiple time to submit the same struggles with little to no rewording).

What happens if my HIT is flagged as fraudulent?

In that case, you will receive a bonus (0.01$), along with a message explaining why this happened. This is the only way Mturk allow us to communicate with you. From that moment, you have 48 hours to get in touch with us and explain why you think we are wrong. Don't think about this as a test: everyone makes mistakes and we want to know if we did!

What if my HIT gets rejected?

Did you explain your reasons and we still rejected your HIT? Did you run out of time to contact us, and your HIT was rejected? Get in touch with us anyway at $EMAIL as soon as possible. We are more than available to discuss with you and find a solution! 😊