

Degree Of Happiness (Joy) In English Language Tweets

Instructions ▲

I. General Instructions

- Attempt these questions only if you are a native speaker of English.
- Your responses are confidential. Any publications based on these responses will not include your specific responses, but rather aggregate information from many individuals. We will not ask any information that can be used to identify who you are.
- The questions in this task involve reading English language tweets. Since the tweets used here are a sampling of those on Twitter, a small number of them may be offensive and/or use coarse language. You can attempt these questions even if you are not familiar with tweets. Tweets are usually a sentence or two long. They may include some special characters such as:
 - '@' indicating a particular username (person) -- for example, @BarackObama.
 - '#' indicating a topic or emotion or some other information relevant to the rest of the text -- for example, #OccupyWallStreet or #happy.
 - '\n' indicating that a new sentence begins from here. (Consider this to be the same as a period '!')

II. The Task

The scale of happiness (or joy) can range from not happy at all (zero amount of happiness) to extremely happy. One can often infer the degree of happiness felt or expressed by a person from what they speak. The goal of this task is to determine this degree of happiness. Since it is hard to give a numerical score indicating the degree of happiness, we will give you four different tweets and ask you to indicate to us:

- Which of the four speakers is likely to be the MOST HAPPY, and
- Which of the four speakers is likely to be the LEAST HAPPY.

Purpose of this Task: Your responses will be used to train an automatic system (computer program) that can determine the degree of happiness in tweets.

Broad Happiness Category

Consider happiness to be a broad category that includes feelings such as:

- contentedness
- delight
- elation
- exultation
- fun
- pleasure
- rapture

That is, all feelings that can reasonably be assumed to involve some non-zero amount of happiness. Sometimes a person might be primarily feeling a different emotion (such as optimism and anticipation), yet you have to judge whether the person is also likely to have some non-zero amount of happiness.

Tweets Indicative of Happiness

The tweets may involve:

- explicit expressions of happiness
- expressions of praise, positive sentiment, approval, etc. of some entity (object, person, etc) from which one can infer that the speaker is likely to be feeling a non-zero amount of happiness
- some information that allows one to infer that the speaker is likely to be feeling a non-zero amount of happiness

Important Notes

- We say ‘likely’ in the instructions above to indicate that you do not have to be 100% certain that the speaker is happy. If upon hearing this tweet, most people will infer that the speaker is happy, then consider the speaker to be happy.
- This task is about happiness levels of the speaker (and not about the happiness of someone else mentioned or spoken to).
- If the answer could be either one of two or more speakers (i.e., they are likely to be equally happy or equally not happy), then select any one of them as the answer.
- Most importantly, try not to over-think the answer. Let your instinct guide you.

Examples

EXAMPLE 1

Speaker 1: Someone liked my photo on tmlr #yay!

Speaker 2: I didn't find out about this till today due to my bff telling me. I am so disgusted and offended by this.

Speaker 3: These veggie burgers are not bad.

Speaker 4: That happiness you're holding on to keeps making an appearance because #God wants you to be happy.

Q1. Which of the four speakers is likely to be the MOST HAPPY?

- Speaker 1
- Speaker 2
- Speaker 3
- Speaker 4

Ans: Speaker 1.

Q2. Which of the four speakers is likely to be the LEAST HAPPY?

- Speaker 1
- Speaker 2
- Speaker 3
- Speaker 4

Ans: Speaker 2.

EXAMPLE 2

Speaker 1: The event will be held tomorrow

Speaker 2: Its nice and calm here in the forest retreat

Speaker 3: We won despite incredible odd! So thrilled!

Speaker 4: The new iPhone takes great pictures!

Q1. Which of the four speakers is likely to be the MOST HAPPY?

- Speaker 1
- Speaker 2
- Speaker 3
- Speaker 4

Ans: Speaker 3.

Q2. Which of the four speakers is likely to be the LEAST HAPPY?

- Speaker 1
- Speaker 2
- Speaker 3

- Speaker 4

Ans: Speakers 1.

Speaker 1: This meth documentary is exhilarating

Speaker 2: @R1Breakfast Totes had to re-listen to the endless hilarity that was Tom Odell's 'raaar' this morning 😂😂😂 @grimmers @fionaradio @TinaDaheley

Speaker 3: Happy Birthday @Brooke56_56 #cheer #cheerchick #jeep #jeepgirl #IDriveAJeep #jeepjeep #Cheer

Speaker 4: Be happy not because everything is good, but because you can see the good side of everything #optimism

Q1. Which of the four speakers is likely to be the MOST HAPPY (required)

- Speaker 1
- Speaker 2
- Speaker 3
- Speaker 4

Q2. Which of the four speakers is likely to be the LEAST HAPPY (required)

- Speaker 1
- Speaker 2
- Speaker 3
- Speaker 4

Comment (optional):

Speaker 1: A joyous first webiversary/web mitzvah to Smithsonian's @WeiPoints!! @brianwolly @jackie_mansky @bethpylieberman @bilbo @mazeltov

Speaker 2: Watch this amazing live.ly broadcast by @izzybuzy365 #lively #musically

Speaker 3: @clonmacart I'm beaming with glee.

Speaker 4: You have to find a way to top yourself. #glee

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- Speaker 4

Comment (optional):

Speaker 1: Take my kindness for weakness when you acting silly keeping it 100 ain't your forté #ChrisBrown #TeamBreezy

Speaker 2:@ADenkyirah Happy birthday! Hope you have a wonderful day filled with lots of joy and laughter <3 (despite tumblr being a jerk- once again)

Speaker 3: it was both lively & lovely @crumblepie15 @buryprofs @DittoBistro #BuffnPolish

Speaker 4: @lcyemmaX < took another sip. "We've had some earth shattering, soul exhilarating sex. You think black souls can have that kind of >

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