

Emotions In News Headlines [5]

Instructions ▲

General Instructions

- The questions in this task involve reading and understanding English language news headlines.
- Attempt these questions **only if you are a native speaker of English**.

Task

You will be shown a headline and you will be asked the following two questions:

- Question 1: Which emotion is **most dominant** in the given headline?
- Question 2: Do you think the headline **would stir up an emotion in most readers**?

Examples

Example #1: Are we a democracy or are we a monarchy?

- Answer to Question 1: **No Emotion**
 - Explanation: This headline has no emotional content.
- Answer to Question 2: **Yes**
 - Explanation: We assume that the contributor selected Yes because they felt personally intrigued by the question posed in the headline and assumed a similar reaction in most readers. The headline is trying to stir up an emotion by using first-person pronouns and posing a question to the reader.

Example #2: China is Angry with Trump's Trade Antics

- Answer to Question 1: **Anger**
 - Explanation: The word Angry is an explicit expression of emotion. There is also explicitly stated that there is someone (China) who feels angry towards Trump's Trade.
- Answer to Question 2: **No**
 - Explanation: We assume the contributor didn't care about the political situation described in the headline and assumed a similar attitude from most readers. However, the headlines might be trying to stir up an emotion by using explicit emotion words such as Angry. Thus, this answer is open (the answer could also be Yes)

Tips

- The given text may not explicitly express emotions. However, often people's emotions towards other people can still be deduced. The goal here is to decide if emotions are conveyed in the given text also when they are not explicitly stated.
- Please, keep in mind that the goal for **the first question** is not to find how a reader feels about the headline or how you think that people reading the headline feel, but about the emotions felt by the persons/entities mentioned in the headline.
- Sometimes could be that it's hard to find one dominant emotion. Two persons might be mentioned and each feels a strong emotion towards something; If that is the case pick one of the emotions you find dominant.
- Important for us is that it's obvious who feels the emotion that you find dominant; that could be:
 - some person mentioned in the headline
 - the author
 - some entity: country, city, group of people centered around a subject
 - reader
- Do not overthink the answer. **Let your instinct guide you.**
- If you do not know the meaning of a word or a phrase in the headline, please look up the meaning in your favorite dictionary.
 - <https://www.merriam-webster.com> (<https://www.merriam-webster.com>)
 - <https://en.oxforddictionaries.com> (<https://en.oxforddictionaries.com>)

Thank you!

Farage's Brexit Party Smashes 100,000 Registered Supporters Target, Aims to Pass Tory Party

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Defying House leaders, BESE sticks with request for \$39 million increase for public schools

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Progressive Democrat after border defeat: Since when did Problem Solvers become 'the Child Abuse Caucus'

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Senate Floor 1988: Joe Biden Praised Another Long-Time Segregationist, John Stennis, as ‘Man of Character and Courage’

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John Oliver Makes the Case for Impeachment on Last Week Tonight

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UN Report: Female A.I. Voices Encourage Harmful Gender Stereotypes

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Exclusive -- Dershowitz on Claims He Took Part in Epstein Scandal: Perjury Is a Crime

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