

Interpretation of Sentence Fragments in Personal Messages

Begin by answering three demographic questions. Then, please read each message carefully. To the right of each message, some portions of the message are repeated. Match each line with one of the adjectives listed below, the adjective that best describes your impression of the sentence fragment. Also, write a number for the intensity level based on the scale listed below. Then, give the message an overall rating using both an adjective, and a number for the intensity level. Proceed to the next message.

Remember that there is no correct answer. Instead, your answers depend on your personal interpretation

Example: Please call me tonight. Adjective: _____ Intensity: _____

Adjectives:

Affirming - Appreciative - Assertive - Bold - Caring - Enthusiastic - Formal - Friendly - Happy - Personal - Polite - Respectful - Strong - Warm

Intensity scale:

- 1- very slightly or not at all
- 2- a little
- 3- moderately
- 4- quite a bit
- 5- extremely

Demographic questions

1. What is your gender?
___ female
___ male

How old were you on your last birthday?
_____ years

How long have you been using email?
___ less than one year
___ one to three years
___ four to six years
___ six to nine years
___ more than nine years

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		Adjective	Intensity
<p>Message 1:</p> <p>Dear Mr. Mahony,</p> <p>We have received your application materials for an internship with ACME Corporation. Thank you for your interest in our organization. We were impressed with your qualifications and would like to invite you to an interview in the near future. To set up an appointment please call our main office at 555-1234. We look forward to meeting you in person.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Pat Fulbert, Director of Human Resources</p>	<u>Dear Mr. Mahony,</u>		
	<u>Thank you for your interest in our organization</u>		
	<u>We were impressed</u>		
	<u>would like to</u>		
	<u>We look forward to meeting you in person</u>		
	<u>Sincerely</u>		
	Overall, message 1 is		

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<p>Message 2:</p> <p>hey, i was looking through my backpack this morning and noticed my cell biology textbook wasn't in there. i think i totally left it in your car. can you bring it tonite when you come over to study for next weeks final ☺ i'm sooo ready to have this class over with! cu l8r dude! --alex</p>	<u>hey</u>		
	<u>can you bring it</u>		
	<u>☺</u>		
	<u>i'm sooo ready to have this class over with</u>		
	<u>cu l8r dude</u>		
	Overall, message 2 is		
<p>Message 3:</p> <p>Hi honey! Your father has started this computer thing for me so I can write you this message. I'm still not entirely comfortable with this technology! Oh well. The way I see it: Who says you can't teach an old lady any new tricks? Maybe you can show me how to do this when you get here. When do you get here? I'm so happy you are coming home for Thanksgiving soon. The whole family will be together, because, believe it or not, your little brother is going to be on leave too! We really miss you but of course, we understand that it's important for you to follow your own dreams. So, could you let me know what time your flight gets in so your Dad and I can pick you up? I'll make your favorite cheesy potatoes, promise! Love, Mom</p>	<u>Hi honey!</u>		
	<u>Who says you can't teach an old lady any new tricks?</u>		
	<u>I'm so happy you are coming home</u>		
	<u>We really miss you</u>		
	<u>could you let me know</u>		
	Overall, message 3 is		

This concludes our survey. Thank you for your participation.