

Student worksheet: Positive, neutral or negative?

You may have heard the term **evaluative language**. This is positive, negative, or neutral (neither negative nor positive) language that judges the worth of something. It includes language to express feelings and opinions and to make judgements about something.

If you saw the words in the below table in a person's review of something they purchased online, would it give you an overall impression of being positive, neutral or negative?

Task 1.

1. Circle the words that are positive.
2. Underline the words that are negative.
3. Put a box around the words that are neutral.

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| Great | Hate | Like | Okay |
| Not bad | Fantastic | Don't like | Best |
| Worst | Boring | Exciting | Wonderful |
| Unusable | All right | Amazing | Dependable |
| Ordinary | Interesting | No good | Impressive |

Task 2.

Think of a movie you have watched or a book you have read.

1. Write a review.
2. Ask someone to read your review and decide if it is positive, neutral or negative.