

3) Negative

Rephrase the following sentences without using the word "negative". You may use the words in the box to help you if you wish:

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| uncooperative | pessimistic/gloomy |
| critical of/ scathing about | technophobic/backward-looking |
| strained | unenthusiastic |
| alarming/worrying | jaundiced/ tainted |
| harmful/damaging | |

- a) Without humour, a negative atmosphere can easily develop in the classroom in which neither the teacher nor the pupil will be able to relax.
- b) Celebrity culture has a negative effect on young people, their aspirations and self-esteem
- c) The PISA report was quite negative about German education.
- d) Old people have a negative attitude towards technology
- e) Research shows that a growing number of adolescents are drinking more units of alcohol per week than even an adult should. How can we stop this negative trend?
- f) Most pupils need to see the point of an exercise, otherwise they will be negative (about the whole lesson).
- g) My friend spent 7 years in a Catholic school run by violent nuns and consequently has a negative view of Catholicism as a whole.
- h) Why do you have to be so negative about everything? You're bound to find a job of some kind.

4) Positive

Positive collocations: which noun would you expect to follow the synonyms for positive below? :

- a) I've always had an **optimistic o** _____ on life.
- b) I was dismayed when I received the letter of rejection as I was convinced I had made a **favourable i** _____ in the interview.
- c) There are **encouraging/promising s** _____ that the economy is starting to recover.
- d) On my first day I accidentally slammed a door into a pupil's face, hardly an **auspicious s** _____ to my teaching career.
- e) One of my colleagues observed my teaching yesterday and gave me some **constructive c** _____ on how I might improve my use of visual materials.
- f) I'm lucky to have grown up in such a **supportive c** _____; I don't just mean my teachers and neighbours, everyone here has helped me so much!

EXERCISE: Now, using any of the words and collocations found on this worksheet, write 5 sentences of your own on why you want to be a teacher and/or how you rate your chances of finding a job immediately after you graduate.