

Compare Two Similar Sentences

Score how similar two sentences are to each other according to the following scale.

The sentences are:

- (5) Completely equivalent**, as they *mean the same thing*.
- (4) Mostly equivalent**, but some *unimportant details differ*.
- (3) Roughly equivalent**, but some *important information differs/missing*.
- (2) Not equivalent**, but *share some details*.
- (1) Not equivalent**, but are *on the same topic*.
- (0) On different topics**.

However, before completing the task, Turkers had to complete a qualification test with the following long form instructions:

Score how similar two sentences are to each other according to the following scale:

- (5)** The two sentences are **completely** equivalent, as they mean the same thing.

The bird is bathing in the sink.

Birdie is washing itself in the water basin.

- (4)** The two sentences are **mostly** equivalent, but some unimportant details differ.

In May 2010, the troops attempted to invade Kabul.

The US army invaded Kabul on May 7th last year, 2010.

- (3)** The two sentences are **roughly** equivalent, but some important information differs/missing.

John said he is considered a witness but not a suspect.

"He is not a suspect anymore." John said.

- (2)** The two sentences are **not** equivalent, but share some details.

They flew out of the nest in groups.

They flew into the nest together.

- (1)** The two sentences are **not** equivalent, but are on the same topic.

The woman is playing the violin.

The young lady enjoys listening to the guitar.

- (0)** The two sentences are on **different topics**.

John went horse back riding at dawn with a whole group of friends.

Sunrise at dawn is a magnificent view to take in if you wake up early enough for it.