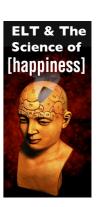


Positive Emotions

There are **IO** types of positive feelings. (Dr. Barbara Fredrickson, University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill)

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When we experience 3 positive emotions for each 1 negative, **our lives improve** *a lot*. Remembering (savoring) good events is a way to re-experience them.



1 Your experiences.

Look at the emotions. When have you experienced these? Write about at least 7.

- Joy. I was really happy when...
 - Gratitude. I am (or was) thankful for...
- Serenity. I felt peaceful when...
 - **Interest**. Sometimes I'm so interested in something, I don't even notice the time. I'm very interested, alert and focused when...
- **Hope**. Even when things were difficult, I felt they would get better. For example...
 - **Pride**. I felt good about something I did when...
- Amusement. It was fun and funny when...
 - **Inspiration**. This means "seeing human nature at it's best." For example...
- Awe. "Something so wonderful, I almost could not believe it." For example...
 - **Love**. Love can include all the above feelings. It can be romantic love, family love or caring about friends. I really knew I was loved when...

Q Getting ready to write and speak.

Choose one you want to write and talk about. Think of a time you felt that emotion strongly. To get ready, write the *WH-question* information about the experience.

Who? What?

When? Where?

Why? How?

What happened next?

Now write your story. Use the back of this paper.

8 Time to talk (4-3-2)

Work with a partner. Talk about your experience. You have **4 minutes**. Listen to your partner's story. Ask questions.

- Now change partners. This time you have **3 minutes.**
- Change partners again. This time you have 2 minutes. Can you finish your story?

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