

P/N Charts

Positive/ Negative Charts (P/N Charts) are used to analyse the good and bad features of a product/design/material. This then allows you to determine whether or not it will contribute positively or negatively to your finished product.

When creating a P/N chart, it is important to use cause and effect language to show the link between two factors. A 'cause and effect language' work bank can be found on the other side of this page.

EXAMPLE:

Material: Plastic

THREE
Positive
features
of your
material

Positives	Negatives
	<u>ENVIRONMENT:</u> Plastic is a man-made material , which requires a large amount of energy to break down. <i>As a result</i> , the burning of fossil fuels means that carbon dioxide is being produced, releasing pollution into the atmosphere .

THREE
Negative
features
of your
material

You need to have THREE P/N Charts in your assessment task. All THREE P/N Charts must contain THREE negative and THREE positive points.

THE LANGUAGE OF CAUSE AND EFFECT

WORD BANK

Causative words	Result words
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caused by• Provoked• Will culminate in• Grew out of• Gives rise to• Reveals• Stems from• Is influenced by• Initiates• Conveys• Is produced by• Creates• Is a result• Results in• Generates• Is inspired by• Shaped by• Provoked• Generated• Due to• Because• As a result of• As a consequence of• Since• An outcome of	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consequently• As a result of• Due to• Owing to• Is an outcome of• Which results in• Which entails• Creates• Is an effect of• Thus• On account of• Brought about• Arose out of• Leads to• Results in• Then• Therefore• So that• Accordingly