

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:

THREE
Positive
features
of a
gumball
machine

| Positives | Negatives |
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| | <u>ENVIRONMENT:</u> The Gumball Machine is made from plastic. 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. |
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THREE
Negative
features
of a
gumball
machine