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Philosophy 5

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1st Writing Assignment

1.)

Today I am going to instruct whoever is reading this how use a toaster to make delicious toast. To begin with a toaster is an electrical device that makes toast! Nice and simple right? To begin with we must insert the pieces of bread into the slots of the toaster, and you will then push downwards on the lever to begin the toasting process. Depending on the kind of toaster you may have this step could vary, but I am sure you will figure it out, or I would recommend taking a peek at the instruction manual. After waiting for a bit of time the fruits of your labor will spring upwards from the slots, and you will have successfully made toast! Congratulations!

In my instructions on how to operate a toaster there were a handful of prescriptive statements, such as, "insert the pieces of bread into the slots of the toaster," for I was issuing a command to guide you in your quest for making toast. In addition I also stated, "I would recommend taking a peek at the instruction manual," and that was also another example of a prescriptive statement as I was issuing guidance/advice/

2.)

Well to begin unpacking the difference in reporting one's feelings and venting feelings it is helpful to visualize this. Reporting one's feelings would be far less emotional as they would begin to describe them in contrast to the world, for example "The horrible sight caused fear," so instead of an outburst of emotion it is much more controlled. This would fit into our Type A category as it is a reflection of the emotions beyond their own scope. If one were to vent their emotions it would far more personal as they would express it as, "I'm really scared of that thing," or "I hate you for making go through that." These statements are closer to the Type B claims that we have covered.

3.)

The recipe I am going to review for any prescriptive language is French Toast (link will be at the bottom of the paper). There are four steps in total so I will cover them each respectively. In step one I am told to “beat egg, vanilla and cinnamon in a shallow dish, stir in milk.” As this a straight up command it fits under prescriptive statements, for she is telling me to beat an egg along with the other ingredients in a specific manner. In the second step I am told to “dip bread in egg mixture, turning to coat both sides evenly.” Again this a command and she also provides some advice on how to better coat the bread, so it is prescriptive. In the third step which is the final non-optional step is, “cook bread slices on lightly greased nonstick griddle or skillet on medium heat until browned on both sides, served with easy spice syrup(recipe follows), if desired.” Once again it is a mix of commands and advice, so it prescriptive statements.

RECIPE LINK:

<https://www.mccormick.com/recipes/breakfast-brunch/quick-and-easy-french-toast>