



Dear Deirdre,

I have been with my boyfriend for nine months now and last night he dumped me! He says whenever he is with me he feels depressed and

useless. When we first met he was going through a tough time, his pet lemming had just died of lemon-itus. A week later aliens abducted him and then a wolf chasing three little pigs blew down his house. I thought after getting through such times we would last forever. Please help me, why does he always feel so negative when I am around and what can I do?

Yours,

Desperate in Doddington

Your task is to tell Desperate why her boyfriend feels so upset when she is around. You have to do this using Reinforcement/Affect theory.