Abstract nouns

Abstract nouns are used to label emotions and concepts.

• The sentence in the box describes Marcel Marceau's approach to mime. Highlight the six abstract nouns.

Through the movements of his body, he expressed everything - from beauty, comedy, and conflict to despair, tragedy, and hope.

Separate the abstract nouns below into 'positive' or 'negative' meanings.

(Drag and drop)

comfort, courage, deceit, disappointment, doubt, enthusiasm, envy, happiness, jealousy, love, melancholy, opportunity, pain, poverty, romance, sorrow, satisfaction, stupidity, trust, victory

Positive	Negative

Match each abstract noun below with the correct definition.

1. belief	having faith in or trust someone or something
2. childhood	a viewpoint held or conclusion reached
3. employment	something done for interest or amusement
4. entertainment	a job, career or occupation
5. failure	the early years of life before becoming a teenager
6. forgiveness	a thing or person that proves unsuccessful
7. imagination	a copy or likeness of something
8. imitation	the act of forgiving or pardoning someone
9. opinion	the destruction or surrender of something valued
10. sacrifice	the part of your mind that thinks creatively

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