SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

Experimental stimuli. Asterisks indicate sentences excluded from the additional analysis for eliciting plausibility scores lower than 4 on a scale from 1 (not at all plausible) to 9 (very plausible). Note that when a sentence was categorized as implausible, both the low- and high constraining homophone and control word sentence were excluded from the analysis.

Low-constraining sentences

1. bay – hug

On their trip to Italy the travelers saw a large **bay**. On that rainy day the old man gave that woman a **hug**.

2. beat – nose

The boy with the glasses enjoyed the **beat**. The girl with the pony tail had a beautiful **nose**.

3. bill – skin

At the end of the evening, she looked surprised at the **bill**. At the end of the day she had a beautiful **skin**.

4. bone – lion

In my mother's soup you can always find a **bone**. In the zoo you can see more than one **lion**.

5. boss – rush

After a long ride we finally reached the **boss**. After a long day at work we had to **rush**.

6. bull – page

The man suddenly realized that he had to deal with a dangerous **bull**. The writer just imagined that he had written his last **page**.

7. cook – fast

At last it turned out to be a very good **cook**. At last we noticed that he was really **fast**.

8. cow – bag

There was a lot of damage because of this terrible **cow**. * There was too much food to put in one **bag**.

9. day – boy

After that car accident my sister had a terrible **day**. After that search they finally found a **boy**.

10. hook – farm

Because the little girl had been bad, she had to sit in a room with a scary **hook**. * Because she wanted an active life, she had bought a very big **farm**.

11. lake – soft

They went for a walk and suddenly saw a **lake**. They were surprised to notice that it was not so **soft**.

12. lane – king

If you want to go to the museum, then follow this **lane**. If you want to go to the city, maybe you will see the **king**.

13. lead – risk

The answer to that question was given by a **lead**. * The crime was committed by the murderer who had taken more than one **risk**.

14. leaf – wine

When you walk in the forest, there is a chance that you find a **leaf**. When you go shopping, it is nice to buy some **wine**.

15. **list – wing**

Everything that is written on that sheet is just a **list**. Everything is fine, except that there is a problem with the **wing**.

16. mail – fork

After only five minutes Ann finished her last **mail**. After only two months the child learned how to use a **fork**.

17. mess – safe

The woman opened the door of the room and the only thing she saw was a **mess**. She opened the door of the bathroom and saw that everything was **safe**.

18. mood – silk

They did not dare to disagree with the director's proposal because there was not enough **mood**. *

The girl did not like that very much because the only thing she wanted was silk.

19. pet - fox

The boy's birthday present was a new **pet**. The woman's greatest fear was to be killed by a **fox**.

20. plane – towel

The couple enjoyed a romantic afternoon sitting in the **plane**. * My sister asked for her birthday a new **towel**.

21. praise – poison

He said that he is an important person, and that's why he wants **praise**. Because he had no idea what he wanted, he asked for **poison**. * 22. **pray – claw** Some people say they want nothing else but **pray**. Some days I am really afraid of that **claw**. *

23. proof - widow

If you want to be sure about something you need the right **proof**. If you want to go to the cemetery, you should join that **widow**.

24. raise – elbow

That man showed his appreciation for that woman by giving her a nice **raise**. The child fell of his bike and had now a painful **elbow**.

25. room – wife

Now that she earns more money she has a lot of **room**. * Now that he is a little bit older he really wants a **wife**.

26. slim – deaf

John loves his new girlfriend because she is so **slim**. Marc does not like discussing that topic because he is **deaf**.

27. tail – meat

While we were washing the dog, the child looked at the **tail**. While we were eating a salad, my father ate **meat**.

28. track – taste

After we figured out how the murderer killed his victim we lost every **track**. * After she had that car accident she lost every **taste**.

29. vet – spy

Because our cat was very skinny, we had to ask for some **vet**. * Because our neighbors do not like my brother, they said he is a **spy**. *

30. way - old

You will never find what you are looking for if you keep searching in that **way**. You will have to drink a lot of milk if you want to become **old**.

High-constraining sentences

1. bay – hug

An area of water bordered by land is what we call a **bay**. On the day Mary was sad, her friend comforted her with a kiss and a **hug**.

2. beat – nose

The boy with the glasses listened to a song with a heavy **beat**. The girl with the pony tail had a cold and had to blow her **nose**.

3. bill – skin

At the end of the evening she said she had to pay the **bill**. At the end of the summer she had a tanned **skin**.

4. bone – lion

In my mother's garden the dog is hiding a **bone**. In the zoo you can see the king of the animals, which we call the **lion**.

5. boss – rush

After more than twenty years I was fired by my **boss**. After lunch he was late and had to **rush**.

6. bull – page

The toreador suddenly realized that he had to deal with a dangerous **bull**. The teacher just told the reading students that they had to turn a **page**.

7. cook – fast

At last the boss of the restaurant hired a new chef to **cook**. At last he was on time because he drove really **fast**.

8. cow – bag

There was only one farmer able to milk that **cow**. There was a person to put all the shopping goods in a **bag**.

9. day – boy

After twenty-four hours we were awake for one night and one **day**. After these parents had four girls, they finally had a **boy**.

10. hook – farm

Because the captain lost his hand, he had replaced it with a sharp **hook**. Because she wanted to breed cattle, she lived on a big **farm**.

11. lake – soft

They did not want to swim in the big see, but in a small **lake**. They were buying pillows in a fabric that is very **soft**.

12. lane – king

If you want to be precise, a street surrounded by trees is what we call a **lane**. If you want permission, maybe you should ask the queen and the **king**.

13. lead – risk

The chief decided what his workers had to do, so he took the **lead**. The man wanted to put all his money in that bet, and therefore took a great **risk**.

14. leaf – wine

When the fall is coming in September most trees are losing more than one **leaf**. When you go to France for a holiday it is nice to have some cheese and **wine**.

15. list – wing

The teacher reads aloud every student's name that is written on that **list**. Everything is fine, except that this bird cannot fly because of a broken **wing**.

16. mail – fork

After work Ann always checks on her computer whether she has **mail**. After only two months, the child learned how to eat with knife and **fork**.

17. mess – safe

The burglars destroyed everything and really made a **mess**. She closed all windows and doors of her house, because that was for her the only way to feel **safe**.

18. mood – silk

They wanted to cheer her up because she was in a bad **mood**. The girl wanted a new dress in an expensive fabric like satin or **silk**.

19. pet – fox

The boy wanted a dog or a cat as a new **pet**. A red-brown animal with a fluffly tail that often kills chickens is a **fox**.

20. plane – towel

The couple enjoyed a romantic flight sitting in the **plane**. My sister enjoys taking a bath to dry her then with a soft and fresh **towel**.

21. praise – poison

The Bible says that the Lord is the person you should honor and **praise**. Because there were too many rats in the building, they were given **poison**.

22. pray - claw

Some people are very catholic and go to church to **pray**. Some cats like trees, because they use them to sharpen their **claw**.

23. proof – widow

If you want to put the criminal in jail you have to find the right evidence or **proof**.

If your husband dies, you are what we call a widow.

24. raise – elbow

The scientist asked his boss for more money, so he asked for a **raise**. The part of your body where your arm flexes is your **elbow**.

25. room – wife

Now that she has three kids, she wants a house with more than one **room**. Now that they are married you should name them husband and **wife**.

26. slim – deaf

John has lost a lot of weight, and now he is really thin and **slim**. Marc does not hear what you say because he is **deaf**.

27. tail – meat

While we were looking at the pig, it moved its curly **tail**. While she was a vegetarian, she never ate **meat**.

28. track – taste

After the criminal escaped they could not find him, so they lost every **track**. After she bought those new shoes, people complemented her with her good **taste**.

29. vet – spy

Because our cat was sick, we had to take her to the **vet**. Because he gathers secret information about his enemies, we call him a **spy**.

30. way - old

You will be more popular when you live your life in a different **way**. You will see that this book is suited for young and **old**.