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The cognitive cost of deriving implicature: A reaction-time study

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Test trials: (for literal group)

| <i>scenario</i> | <i>question</i> | <i>answer_art</i> | <i>answer1</i> | <i>answer2</i> | <i>answer3</i> | <i>answer4</i> | <i>type</i> |
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| Sophie and Linda started for a stream to swim. They did not know that four boys were already swimming there. The way was long. Sophie got tired and wanted to sit for a while. She asked Linda to move on. Before she could start again, Linda came back. | Sophie: Why did you come back? | Linda: | Some | boys | are | swimming. | some_literal |
| David felt an earthquake when his mother was away at work. When it stopped he found 6 glass bottles lay broken on the kitchen floor. When his mother came home, she wanted to know if there was any damage. | Mother: Has anything been broken by the shake? | David: | Some | bottles | are | broken. | some_literal |
| When Joseph and Emily were in a different city, their house caught fire. Somehow, their children managed to control the fire and not many things were burnt; except some things in Joseph's office. While clearing up the mess, Joseph found that five important files got burnt. Emily asked him about the damage. | Emily: Has there been any loss? | Joseph: | Some | files | are | burnt. | some_literal |
| Leena and her grandmother were walking on the street. Suddenly, Leena saw 5 kittens lay dead on the street. The carcasses were stinking. Leena's grandmother, who does not have a good vision, got the smell too. | Grandmother: What is that smell? | Leena: | Some | kittens | are | dead. | some_literal |
| There was a news that the city will not get water for the next three days. Hearing this, Molly's mother stored water in all the vessels in the house, but she could not see the six empty jars under the bed. Later she | Mother: Is there anything still empty? | Molly: | Some | jars | are | empty. | some_literal |

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| asked Molly whether any more containers were left. | | | | | | | | |
| On Sunday, Ruby's mother wanted to clean the house. She wanted to get rid of everything unnecessary in the house. She asked Ruby to check the fridge and see if anything has expired. Ruby found that 4 bottles of juices have expired. | Mother: Has anything expired? | Ruby: | Some | juices | have | expired. | some_l iteral | |
| A bunch of students were having a party at the college cafeteria, after they passed the final test. The café was crowded and no room was left for others. A professor wanted to have a silent cup of coffee and he was annoyed by this noise. He asked the café owner the reason for the commotion. | Professor: Why are these students making noise? | Owner: | Some | students | have | passed. | some_l iteral | |

Test trials: (for pragmatic group)

| scenario | question | answer_start | answer1 | answer2 | answer3 | answer4 | type | trial_type |
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| Twelve boys went to their school picnic at a riverside. The Headmaster prohibited them from swimming and asked the PT teacher to oversee the boys. However, the boys did not listen to the teacher and twelve of them started swimming in the river. The headmaster called the PT teacher to check on the boys. | Headmaster: Are the boys swimming? | Teacher: | Some | boys | are | swimming. | some_prag matic | target |
| David's mother gave him 6 glass bottles to keep on the upper kitchen shelf. While arranging them on the shelf, the bottles fell on the floor and 6 of them were broken. David's mother heard the sound from her bedroom. | Mother: Are the bottles already broken? | David: | Some | bottle s | are | broken. | some_prag matic | target |
| Before leaving for Japan, Joseph gave Emily five important files for safekeeping. Emily did not care and put them out on the table. While she was away, a nearby candle fell on the files and five of the files were burnt. Emily was worried thinking how Joseph would react. Their daughter saw it and told Joseph about it. Joseph called Emily. | Joseph: Are the files burnt? | Emily: | Some | files | are | burnt. | some_prag matic | target |

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| Leena's friend gave her 5 kittens to take care of, before she left for a trip. One day, Leena came home from office, and found the 5 kittens dead on the floor. Behind her back, Leena's sister had already informed Leena's friend about the incident. She cried and called Leena. | Friend: Are my kittens dead? | Leena: | Some | kittens | are | dead. | some_pragmatic | target |
| Molly's mother asked Molly to fill the six jars with lemonade because many guests were coming to their party tonight. Molly totally forgot about the task. Later a guest tried to help herself with the lemonade, but the jar was empty. | Mother: Are the jars still empty? | Molly: | Some | jars | are | empty. | some_pragmatic | target |
| A wholesaler wanted to get rid of the expired juice bottles in his shop. He gathered 140 expired bottles and put them in a single large box. When a retailer came to buy juice, he gave him the box. Unfortunately, the retailer opened the box and read one bottle. Ofcourse, it had expired. | Retailer: Have the juices expired? | Wholesaler: | Some | juices | have | expired. | some_pragmatic | target |
| The school, X, had a 100% pass rate this year. The school inspector called the school to know about the result. In the absence of the headmaster, the English teacher, who disliked the headmaster, picked up the call. | Inspector: How many students have passed? | Teacher: | Some | students | have | passed. | some_pragmatic | target |

Control trials: (same for both the groups)

| <i>scenario</i> | <i>question</i> | <i>answer_start</i> | <i>answer1</i> | <i>answer2</i> | <i>answer3</i> | <i>answer4</i> | <i>type</i> |
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| It was announced in the town that in the coming month the town will conduct a horse race. Tracy's family has a big stable with 5 massive horses. Her father told Tracy that 5 of the horses will run in the race. Tracy's friend asked her whether Tracy's horses would participate in the race. | Friend: How many of your horses will participate? | Tracy: | All | horses | will | participate. | all_truth |
| At a construction site, 54 workers were working since morning. They were very tired. After lunch no one could continue their work, and 54 of them slept. But the rule says only half of the wrokers should sleep after lunch. The engineer came for | Engineer: How many workers are sleeping? | Manager: | All | workers | are | sleeping. | all_truth |

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| a visit at the site and found no one working. He enquired the matter with the manager. | | | | | | | |
| The school, X, had signed to participate in an inter-school painting competition. The headmaster invited every student for participation and asked Ms. Anderson to collect the names. The school had 125 students and 125 of them signed to participate. After the school hours, the headmaster called Ms. Anderson. | Headmaster: How many students are going? | Anderson: | All | students | are | going. | all_truth |
| Billy and his sister Jenny had started a crockery stall in the village fair. They had 20 cups to sell. When the fair started, Billy went to look around keeping Jenny in the stall. In the short period of his absence, 20 of the cups were sold. After a while Billy called Jenny to ask about the sale. | Billy: How many cups are sold? | Jenny: | All | cups | are | sold. | all_truth |
| A bank has 30 employees. The owner of a bank invited his 30 employees, including the manager, to attend a training session on weekend on Banking Ethics. Although most of the employees were interested, 6 employees showed disinterest and they declined the invitation. The bank owner asked the manager about the employees' interest. | Owner: How many employees are going? | Manager: | All | employees | are | going. | all_lie |
| Simon loves eating choco chip cookies. But because of his decaying teeth his mother does not allow him to eat much. On Simon's birthday, his friends were treated with choco chip cookie. His friends did not eat the cookies, therefore Simon's mother kept the cookies away. After the party, Simon asked for cookies. | Simon: Are there any more cookies? | Mother: | All | cookies | are | finished. | all_lie |
| Peter checked in a hotel in Paris. When he entered his room, he found everything squeaky clean, but the study table. The table was a little dusty. He called the Janitor and asked him to come. The Janitor asked the reason. | Janitor: Is everything fine in the room? | Peter: | All | things | are | dusty. | all_lie |
| Mr. Hall is the principal of a boarding school and a very abusive man. He scolds and beats children whenever he meets them. On Friday, when the children were studying in their rooms, he | Mr. Hall: Where are the children? | Evelyn: | All | children | are | sleeping. | all_lie |

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| came for a visit in the hostel. He asked Evelyn, the hostel warden, about the children. | | | | | | | |
| The history teacher punished three boys by making them stand in the corridor. When the teacher resumed his teaching, one boy fled and only two kept standing. The teacher was busy teaching, but he wanted to keep an eye on the boys too. He asked a passerby in the corridor to have a look. | Teacher: How many boys are standing there? | Passerby: | Two | boys | are | standing. | number_t ruth |
| Jacob's father gave him five bundles of money and asked him to keep them safely. Jacob kept them in his office locker. One day he opened the locker to check the money and found three bundles of money to be missing. A month later Jacob's father asked about the money. | Father: Are the bundles safe? | Jacob: | Three | bundles | are | missing. | number_t ruth |
| Laura's aunt gave her three chocolate bars. Laura was very happy. While her aunt resumed her chat with Laura's mother, Laura opened the packets. She found that two chocolates have already melted. She was sad. Her aunt noticed it and realized she didn't like the chocolates. | Aunt: Have the chocolates melted? | Laura: | Two | chocolate s | have | melted. | number_t ruth |
| Hamid's cousin gave him four pens as a gift on new year. After coming home he opened the pens and tried writing with them. Unfortunately, three of the pens did not work. Next day, his cousin asked him whether he liked writing with the pens. | Cousin: Do the pens work well? | Hamid: | Three | pens | don't | work. | number_t ruth |
| Hailey all the time plays with the four puppies that her brother brought. Hailey's brother hates it when she takes all the puppies with her. One morning, she was playing with the four puppies in the backyard. Suddenly her brother called out from inside the house. | Brother: Are the puppies with you? | Hailey: | Two | puppies | are | here. | number_l ie |
| Ayesha's aunt asked her to clean the 6 dirty plates left on the table. Ayesha kept the plates on the dish rack without cleaning them. When her cousin went to take a plate to eat, he found them dirty. He complained to his mother. | Aunt: Ayesha, are the plates still dirty? | Ayesha: | Three | plates | are | dirty. | number_l ie |

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| Edith's cousin told her that if this time her rabbit gave birth to white bunnies, he would take them. Eventually, Edith's rabbit gave birth to 6 little bunnies and they were white. They were lovely. Edith's cousin heard about the new babies but he didn't know their colours. | Cousin: How many of them are white? | Edith: | Two | bunnies | are | white. | number_1 ie |
| Dorothy's husband loves coconut. This time he brought eight coconuts from India and asked Dorothy to store them properly. Dorothy did not keep them well and after a week she found that eight of them had been spoilt. Dorothy's husband got the rotten coconut smell. | Husband: Are the coconuts spoilt? | Dorothy: | Three | coconuts | are | spoilt. | number_1 ie |

Practice trials: (same for both the groups)

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| Noah has a rifle in his house. He keeps it hidden in his violin case. One day someone got to know about it and reported it in the police. The Police came to enquire. | Police: What is there in your violin case? | Noah: | There | is | my | violin. | practice |
| Richard found ten gold coins in his father's closet. When he was taking them out, his brother saw it. He was curious. | Brother: What are those coins? | Richard: | They | are | gold | coins. | practice |
| Rose works as a waiter in her free times. But she is ashamed of it. She does not tell anyone about this. One day, her classmate saw her in the restaurant while she was serving. | Classmate: You work here, Rose? | Rose: | Rose | is | my | twin-sister. | practice |
| Peter did not come to school on Monday because his cousin had just arrived at their house from London that day. The next day, when he went to school, he was enquired by the class teacher. | Teacher: Why didn't you come to the school yesterday? | Peter: | I | was | very | ill. | practice |
| Joseph's father is a farmer and he lives in village. Joseph studies law in the city college. One day his friend's father asked him about his family. | Friend's father: What does your father do, Joseph? | Joseph: | He | is | a | farmer. | practice |