Appendix: stimuli sentences

(1)  Experiment 1: Shiftiness

a. Non-finite condition
   (i) More children claimed to like cookies than brownies.
   (ii) More women claimed to like Coca Cola than Pepsi.
   (iii) More boys claimed to want a toy than a book.
   (iv) More baristas claimed to drink tea than coffee.
   (v) More candidates claimed to support tax cuts than healthcare reform.
   (vi) More students claimed to enjoy beer than wine.
   (vii) More governors claimed to oppose tax raises than budget cuts.
   (viii) More store managers claimed to like Android phones than iPhones.

b. Bound pronoun subject condition
   (i) More children claimed that they like cookies than brownies.
   (ii) More women claimed that they like Coca Cola than Pepsi.
   (iii) More boys claimed that they want a toy than a book.
   (iv) More baristas claimed that they drink tea than coffee.
   (v) More candidates claimed that they support tax cuts than healthcare reform.
   (vi) More students claimed that they enjoy beer than wine.
   (vii) More governors claimed that they oppose tax raises than budget cuts.
   (viii) More store managers claimed that they like Android phones than iPhones.

c. Referential/non-shifty subject condition
   (i) More teachers who talked to the child claimed that he likes cookies than brownies.
   (ii) More interns who worked with the woman claimed that she likes Coca Cola than Pepsi.
   (iii) More teachers who talked to the boy claimed that he wanted a toy than a book.
   (iv) More customers who know the barista claimed that he drinks tea than coffee.
   (v) More supporters of the candidate claimed that she supports tax cuts than healthcare reform.
   (vi) More friends of the student claimed that he enjoys beer than wine.
   (vii) More candidates who spoke to the governor claimed that she would oppose tax raises than budget cuts.
   (viii) More people who know the store manager claimed that she likes Android phones than iPhones.

d. Expletive subject condition
   (i) More children claimed that there are cookies than brownies in the oven.
   (ii) More women claimed that there is Coca Cola than Pepsi in the glass.
   (iii) More boys claimed that there is a toy than a book inside the box.
   (iv) More baristas claimed that there is tea than coffee in the pot.
   (v) More candidates claimed that there will be tax cuts than healthcare reform in the next few years.
   (vi) More students claimed that there will be beer than wine at the party.
   (vii) More governors claimed that there will be tax raises than budget cuts next year.
(viii) More store managers claimed that there will be Android phones than iPhones on sale.

e. Quantifier subject condition
(i) More children claimed that no teacher likes cookies than brownies.
(ii) More women claimed that no one likes Coca Cola than Pepsi.
(iii) More boys claimed that no girl wanted a toy than a book.
(iv) More baristas claimed that no customer drinks tea than coffee.
(v) More candidates claimed that no senator supports tax cuts than healthcare reform.
(vi) More students claimed that no professor enjoys beer than wine.
(vii) More governors claimed that no candidate would oppose tax raises than budget cuts.
(viii) More store managers claimed that no one likes Android phones than iPhones.

f. Indexical subject condition
(i) More children claimed that I like cookies than brownies.
(ii) More women claimed that I like Coca Cola than Pepsi.
(iii) More boys claimed that I want a toy than a book.
(iv) More baristas claimed that I drink tea than coffee.
(v) More candidates claimed that I support tax cuts than healthcare reform.
(vi) More students claimed that I enjoy beer than wine.
(vii) More governors claimed that I oppose tax raises than budget cuts.
(viii) More store managers claimed that I like Android phones than iPhones.

h. R-expression subject condition
(i) More children claimed that the teacher likes cookies than brownies.
(ii) More women claimed that the pop star likes Coca Cola than Pepsi.
(iii) More boys claimed that the girl wanted a toy than a book.
(iv) More baristas claimed that the cafe owner drinks tea than coffee.
(v) More candidates claimed that the prime minister supports tax cuts than healthcare reform.
(vi) More students claimed that the professor enjoys beer than wine.
(vii) More governors claimed that the president would oppose tax raises than budget cuts.
(viii) More store managers claimed that the executive likes Android phones than iPhones.
Experiment 2: Expletive there vs. it

a. It-sentences
   (i) More meteorologists thought it would snow than rain the next day.
   (ii) More forecasts showed that it would sleet than snow next weekend.
   (iii) Tell me who claims it will rain how many inches tomorrow.
   (iv) Tell me which meteorologist claims it will snow how many inches this weekend.
   (v) Joe claimed that it would rain in every city that Tim did.
   (vi) Rachel said that it would snow in every city that Liz did.

b. There-sentences
   (i) More meteorologists thought there would be snow than rain the next day.
   (ii) More forecasts showed that there would be sleet than snow next weekend.
   (iii) Tell me who claims there will be how many inches of rain tomorrow.
   (iv) Tell me which meteorologist claims there will be how many inches of snow this weekend.
   (v) Joe claimed that there would be rain in every city that Tim did.
   (vi) Rachel said that there would be snow in every city that Liz did.

Experiment 3: Gapping (Note: a pair of paraphrases were constructed for each sentence)

a. Alex told his joke about the senator, and Joe about the governor.
   b. John sang his song about unrequited love, and Drew about breakups.
   c. Kate told her joke about Superman, and Sally about Batman.
   d. Mary sang her song about love, and Sue about friendship.

Experiment 4: Wh-movement from possessive and demonstrative DPs

a. No DP condition
   (i) A few people asked which boy Mary sang about at the song contest.
   (ii) A few people asked which girl John sang about at the competition.
   (iii) A few people asked which company Kate joked about at the comedy club.
   (iv) A few people asked which movie Sam joked about at the talent show.
   (v) A few people asked which old hotel Alex wrote about.
   (vi) A few people asked which ancient civilization Sue wrote about.
   (vii) A few people asked which war Helen wrote about.
   (viii) A few people asked which rebellion George wrote about.

b. Indefinite DP condition
   (i) A few people asked which boy Mary sang a song about at the song contest.
   (ii) A few people asked which girl John sang a song about at the competition.
   (iii) A few people asked which company Kate told a joke about at the comedy club.
   (iv) A few people asked which movie Sam told a joke about at the talent show.
   (v) A few people asked which old hotel Alex wrote an article about.
   (vi) A few people asked which ancient civilization Sue wrote a paper about.
   (vii) A few people asked which war Helen wrote a paper about.
   (viii) A few people asked which rebellion George wrote a report about.
c. **Bound possessor condition**
   (i) A few people asked which boy Mary sang her song about at the song contest.
   (ii) A few people asked which girl John sang his song about at the competition.
   (iii) A few people asked which company Kate told her joke about at the comedy club.
   (iv) A few people asked which movie Sam told his joke about at the talent show.
   (v) A few people asked which old hotel Alex wrote his article about.
   (vi) A few people asked which ancient civilization Sue wrote her paper about.
   (vii) A few people asked which war Helen wrote her paper about.
   (viii) A few people asked which rebellion George wrote his report about.

d. **Referential/non-shifty possessor condition**
   (i) A few people asked which boy the fans of the pop star sang her song about at the song contest.
   (ii) A few people asked which girl the band who admired Elvis sang his song about at the competition.
   (iii) A few people asked which company the assistants working for the comedian told her joke about at the comedy club.
   (iv) A few people asked which movie the girl who knows the governor told his joke about at the talent show.
   (v) A few people asked which old hotel the ghostwriters working with the author wrote his article about.
   (vi) A few people asked which ancient civilization the students trained by the professor wrote her paper about.
   (vii) A few people asked which war the assistants the professor hired wrote her paper about.
   (viii) A few people asked which rebellion the aides working for the general wrote his report about.

e. **Demonstrative that condition**
   (i) A few people asked which boy Mary sang that song about at the song contest.
   (ii) A few people asked which girl John sang that song about at the competition.
   (iii) A few people asked which company Kate told that joke about at the comedy club.
   (iv) A few people asked which movie Sam told that joke about at the talent show.
   (v) A few people asked which old hotel Alex wrote that article about.
   (vi) A few people asked which ancient civilization Sue wrote that paper about.
   (vii) A few people asked which war Helen wrote that paper about.
   (viii) A few people asked which rebellion George wrote that report about.

f. **Indexical possessor condition**
   (i) A few people asked which boy Mary sang my song about at the song contest.
   (ii) A few people asked which girl John sang my song about at the competition.
   (iii) A few people asked which company Kate told my joke about at the comedy club.
   (iv) A few people asked which movie Sam told my joke about at the talent show.
   (v) A few people asked which old hotel Alex wrote my article about.
   (vi) A few people asked which ancient civilization Sue wrote my paper about.
(vii) A few people asked which war Helen wrote my paper about.
(viii) A few people asked which rebellion George wrote my report about.

g. Bound possessor in possessor condition
   (i) A few people asked which boy Mary sang her friend’s song about at the song contest.
   (ii) A few people asked which girl John sang his brother’s song about at the competition.
   (iii) A few people asked which company Kate told her partner’s joke about at the comedy club.
   (iv) A few people asked which movie Sam told his friend’s joke about at the talent show.
   (v) A few people asked which old hotel Alex wrote his daughter’s article about.
   (vi) A few people asked which ancient civilization Sue wrote her son’s report about.
   (vii) A few people asked which war Helen wrote her son’s paper about.
   (viii) A few people asked which rebellion George wrote his daughter’s report about.

h. R-expression condition
   (i) A few people asked which boy Mary sang the composer’s song about at the song contest.
   (ii) A few people asked which girl John sang the drummer’s song about at the competition.
   (iii) A few people asked which company Kate told the pundit’s joke about at the comedy club.
   (iv) A few people asked which movie Sam told the governor’s joke about at the talent show.
   (v) A few people asked which old hotel Alex wrote the reporter’s article about.
   (vi) A few people asked which ancient civilization Sue wrote the student’s paper about.
   (vii) A few people asked which war Helen wrote the professor’s paper about.
   (viii) A few people asked which rebellion George wrote the general’s report about.