Appendix

These sentences were read by the participants in the laboratory study.

The bread hasn't **risen** because the eggs were **beaten** for too long. A new book about Marxism was written in April. Rachel's sarcasm has stolen the show once again. Twice a year we **straighten** our hair and **redden** the highlights. The article about autism will help **broaden** public understanding. Miguel's symptoms may worsen if the doctors weaken his dosage. We had to **loosen** the wheel on the **wagon** to remove it. His **swollen** gums were due to a **rotten** front tooth. Light from the **leaden** glass windows had **fallen** on the portrait. You don't need to **sweeten** the yellow **melon** at all. The **wooden** box holds a prism from my grandmother. Joe found that tourism in **urban** areas increases in the summer. The city will widen the lanes on the well-trodden road. I can **tighten** these sandals by one more **button** because the leather stretched out. My sister Helen has chosen to take Buddhism courses this fall. Gail has never eaten at Burger Heaven in Brooklyn. You might **deafen** the crowd if you **deepen** the sound too much. The parents dragged their **sullen** child to the chasm on their hike. I told **Allen** to let the banana **ripen** overnight. All of a **sudden** the **dragon** found the **hidden** king. Jamal has **proven** that mosquitos didn't **sicken** the horses. The **woolen** scarf tied like a **ribbon** is a gift for his daughter. Kate's back spasm caused her to stiffen for a second. The report notes that sexism in schools is a microcosm of wider society.

These Harvard sentences were used in the UW/NU study.

These days a **chicken** leg is a rare dish. Rice is **often** served in round bowls. A rod is used to catch pink **salmon**. Help the **woman** get back to her feet. The soft **cushion** broke the man's fall. Press the pants and sew a **button** on the vest. The rope will bind the **seven** books at once. The wagon moved on well oiled wheels. This is a grand **season** for hikes on the road. **Open** the crate but don't break the glass. Two plus seven is less than ten. Steam hissed from the **broken** valve. All sat frozen and watched the screen. The heap of **fallen** leaves was set on fire. His shirt was clean but one **button** was gone. The rise to fame of a **person** takes luck. The kitten chased the dog down the street. Women form less than half of the group. He asks no person to vouch for him. Fasten two pins on each side. Screen the porch with woven straw mats. The wall phone rang loud and often. The clothes dried on a thin **wooden** rack. They told wild tales to **frighten** him. Oats are a food eaten by horse and man. The square **wooden** crate was packed to be shipped. A bowl of rice is free with **chicken** stew. Even a just cause needs power to win. It was hidden from sight by a mass of leaves and shrubs. Slide the catch back and **open** the desk. A sullen smile gets few friends. A stiff cord will do to **fasten** your shoe. A six comes up more **often** than a ten. Seven seals were stamped on great sheets. **Open** your book to the first page.