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EXPERIMENTAL MATERIALS: EXPERIMENT 1A

Test Materials

- (1) Just one grandchild could inherit the jewelry. Every grandchild/The youngest grandchild hoped that the recipient would be them/him.
- (2) Only one competitor could win the race. Every competitor/The youngest competitor thought that the winner would be them/him.
- (3) The rules stated that only one employee could be promoted to supervisor. Every employee/The oldest employee hoped that the one chosen as supervisor would be them/him.
- (4) The Jones family held a yearly competition to see who would catch the largest fish. Every family member/The oldest family member thought that the one who would catch the biggest fish would be them/him.
- (5) There was only one winner of the apple bobbing competition at the fair each year. Every participant/The first participant expected that the one to get the most apples would be them/him.
- (6) The Olympic team had to choose the fastest runner. Every athlete/The youngest athlete thought that the fastest one on the team would be them/him.
- (7) The students in 10th grade were arguing about who was the smartest. Every student/The tallest student bragged that the smartest one in the class was them/him.
- (8) All the performers in the movie were nominated for the same award. Every performer/The youngest performer hoped that the winner of the award would be them/him.
- (9) Only one resident at the seniors home would get the corner room. Every resident/The shyest resident hoped that the one to get the corner room would be them/him.

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- (10) Of the twenty interns at the law firm, only one would be offered a job afterwards. Every intern/The star intern expected the one to get the job offer would be them/him.
- (11) At a convention for salespeople, an award was given to the person who made the most sales that year. Every salesperson hoped/The youngest salesperson that the winner of the award would be them/him.
- (12) Only one worker ever gets scheduled for stat holidays at the diner. Every worker/The newest worker thought that this time the one scheduled would be them/him.
- (13) Only one of the children would take over the business. Every child/The most experienced child argued that the new owner should be them/him.
- (14) Whenever the store closes late, one keyholder has to work overtime to lock up. Every keyholder/The grumpiest keyholder thought the one staying late would be them/him.
- (15) The PTA was holding an election to decide on the next president of the organization. Every parent/The laziest parent believed the one who should become president would be them/him.
- (16) One celebrity gets chosen to present the award for best motion picture every year. Every celebrity/The most arrogant celebrity expected that the one chosen would be them/him.
- (17) There was only one doughnut left in the breakroom. Every accountant/The oldest accountant hoped that the doughnut would be left for them/him.
- (18) The hospital needed to hire a new manager. Every candidate/The most arrogant candidate assumed the one to get the job would be them/him.
- (19) A group of teenagers competed to see who could win a trivia contest. Every teenager/The oldest teenager thought that the most knowledgeable one in the group would be them/him.
- (20) The children in the class were lined up to see who was the tallest. Every child/The skinniest child thought that the tallest one in the class would be them/him.

Fillers

- (21) Ben was building alone in the garage. After finishing the model train, he went to buy another one.
- (22) John was learning alone in the bookstore. After reading the math textbook, he wanted to prove an important theorem.
- (23) James was shopping alone in the clothing store. While picking out new clothes, he tried to get some assistance.

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- (24) Ken was walking alone on the pier. After seeing the ocean, he wished to bring a date.
- (25) Bill was camping alone in the woods. Before encountering a bear, he refused to carry a weapon.
- (26) Bob was coloring alone in the classroom. While choosing a crayon, he refused to pick a bright color.
- (27) Mark was snoring alone in bed. Before falling asleep, he refused to apply a nasal strip.
- (28) Frank was dieting alone at the camp. After seeing some desserts, he chose to take a cheat day.
- (29) Joe was patrolling alone around the campus. Before choosing the route, he tried to anticipate potential dangers.
- (30) Connor was cooking alone in the restaurant. While making the chili, he liked to add different spices.
- (31) Mary was tanning alone at the beach. Before heading home, she wanted to stop at the gift shop.
- (32) Sue was hunting alone in the forest. After seeing an animal, she planned to take a clean shot.
- (33) Kate was drawing alone in the studio. While drawing a sketch, she loved to look out the window.
- (34) Emily was sculpting alone in the gallery. After finishing the sculpture, she hoped to make lots of money.
- (35) Emma was skateboarding alone in the skate park. After completing a difficult trick, she desired to show other skaters.
- (36) Olivia was shooting alone at the practice range. After taking the last shot, she managed to hit all the targets.
- (37) Hannah was sneezing alone in the shed. After inhaling the dust, she tried to find some allergy medication.
- (38) Sarah was starving alone on the train. After reaching the stop, she planned to grab some food.
- (39) Natalie was birdwatching alone in the park. After seeing an exotic bird, she decided to write a journal entry.
- (40) Linda was singing alone in the karaoke bar. After singing the song, she needed to order a drink.
- (41) Michael was drinking alone in the pub. After leaving the pub, they meant to stop at the liquor store.

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- (42) David was sailing alone in the ocean. After reaching land, they expected to greet the townsfolk.
- (43) Richard was sleeping alone in the bedroom. After waking up, they refused to make some breakfast.
- (44) Robert was running alone on the track. After finishing a mile, they chose to drink some water.
- (45) Matthew was swimming alone in the pool. Before diving in, they stopped to put on some swimming goggles.
- (46) Kimberly was gardening alone in the front yard. After planting some flowers, they attempted to plant some vegetables.
- (47) Nancy was laying alone in the hammock. After getting out, they intended to take another nap.
- (48) Rachel was weightlifting alone in the weight room. Before taking a break, they managed to lift a heavy dumbbell.
- (49) Jessica was figure skating alone in the ice rink. After warming up, they failed to perform a backflip.
- (50) Julia was panicking alone in the bedroom. After opening the textbook, they started to feel even more anxiety.

EXPERIMENTAL MATERIALS: EXPERIMENT 1B

Test Materials

- (1) Just one grandchild could inherit the jewelry.
Every grandchild/The youngest grandchild - hoped that - the one who - would inherit - the jewelry - would be - them/him when - the will - was finally - announced.
- (2) Only one competitor could win the race.
Every competitor/The youngest competitor - thought that - the one who - would win - the race - would be - them/him when - the times - were finally - announced.
- (3) The rules stated that only one employee could be promoted to supervisor.
Every employee/The oldest employee - hoped that - the one who - would be promoted - to supervisor - would be - them/him when - the decision - was posted - on Friday.
- (4) The Jones family held a yearly competition to see who would catch the largest fish.
Every family member/The oldest family member - thought that - the one who - would catch - the biggest fish - would be - them/him when - the competition - finished - that evening.

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- (5) There was only one winner of the apple bobbing competition at the fair each year.
Every participant/The first participant - expected that - the one who - would get - the most apples - would be - them/him when - the apples - were counted - after the game.
- (6) The Olympic team had to choose the fastest runner.
Every athlete/The youngest athlete - thought that - the one who - would run - the fastest - would be - them/him when - the time - came to choose - the team.
- (7) The students in 10th grade were arguing about who was the smartest.
Every student/The tallest student - expected that - the one who - would win - the argument - would be - them/him when - the teacher - eventually released - the grades.
- (8) All the performers in the movie were nominated for the same award.
Every performer/The youngest performer - hoped that - the one who - would win - the award - would be - them/him when - the announcer - started to open - the envelope.
- (9) Only one resident at the seniors home would get the corner room.
Every resident/The shyest resident - hoped that - the one who - would get - the corner room - would be - them/him when - the changes - were eventually - decided.
- (10) Of the twenty interns at the law firm, only one would be offered a job afterwards.
Every intern/The star intern - expected that - the one who - would get - the job offer - would be - them/him when - the internship - was completed - later that month.
- (11) At a convention for salespeople, an award was given to the person who made the most sales that year.
Every salesperson/The newest salesperson - hoped that - the one who - would win - the award - would be - them/him when - the company - released - the year end numbers.
- (12) Only one worker ever gets scheduled for stat holidays at the diner.
Every worker/The newest worker - thought that - the one who - would get - the holiday shifts - would be - them/him when - the schedule - was finally - released.
- (13) Only one of the children would take over the business.
Every child/The most experienced child - argued that - the one who - should become - the new owner - should be - them/him when - the father - decided - to retire.
- (14) Whenever the store closes late, one keyholder has to work overtime to lock up.
Every keyholder/The grumpiest keyholder - thought that - the one who - would work - overtime - would be - them/him when - the shop - needed to - close late.
- (15) There was finally an opening for president of the PTA.
Every parent/The laziest parent - believed that - the one who - should become

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- president - should be - them/him when - the opening - was announced - last week.
- (16) One celebrity gets chosen to present the award for best motion picture every year.
Every celebrity/The most famous celebrity - expected that - the one chosen - to announce - the award - would be - them/him when - the selection - was made - by the academy.
- (17) There was only one doughnut left in the breakroom.
Every accountant/The oldest accountant - hoped that - the one who - would get - the doughnut - would be - them/him when - the coffee break - was - over.
- (18) The hospital needed to hire a new manager.
Every candidate/The most qualified candidate - assumed that - the one who - would get - the job - would be - them/him when - the selection - was finally - announced.
- (19) A group of teenagers competed to see who could win a trivia contest.
Every teenager/The oldest teenager - thought that - the one who - would be - most knowledgeable - would be - them/him when - the answers - were revealed - at the end.
- (20) The children in the class were lined up to see who was the tallest.
Every child/The skinniest child - thought that - the one who - would be - the tallest - would be - them/him when - the heights - were finally - measured.

Fillers

- (21) Ben was building a train set alone in the garage.
After finishing - the model - train set - from the - hobby shop's - Christmas sale, - he went - to the store - to buy - another one.
- (22) John was studying alone in the bookstore.
After reading - the math - and science - textbooks - from the - school library, - he dreamed - about proving - an important - theorem.
- (23) James was shopping alone in the clothing store.
While picking out - new clothes - to wear - on a - very important - job interview, - he tried - to get - help when - he got flustered.
- (24) Ken was walking alone on the pier.
After seeing - the ocean - for the - first time - while on - vacation, - he wished - to come back - when he - had a date.
- (25) Bill was camping alone in the woods.
Before - encountering - a bear - in the forest - on last year's - camping trip, - he refused - to carry - a weapon - with him.
- (26) Bob was alone in the classroom, coloring.
While choosing - a crayon - color - to use - for the - next picture, - he refused - to pick - a bright color - for the flower.

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- (27) Mark was alone in bed, snoring.
As usual, - before falling - asleep - in the camp - dorms - that night, - he refused
- to apply - a nasal strip - to avoid snoring.
- (28) Frank was dieting alone at the camp.
After seeing - some chocolate - cake and - apple pie - in the kitchen - that night,
- he chose - to finally - take a - cheat day.
- (29) Joe was patrolling alone around the campus.
Before choosing - the route - around campus - to patrol - for the - evening, - he
tried - to anticipate - potential dangers - that might occur.
- (30) Connor was cooking alone in the restaurant.
While making - the restaurant's - famous - chili recipe - for the - food critic, - he
decided - to experiment - with different - spices.
- (31) Mary was tanning alone at the beach.
Before - finally heading - back home - after getting - a bad - sunburn, - she
wanted - to stop at - the gift shop - for some licorice.
- (32) Sue was hunting alone in the forest.
After - an animal - walked past - quietly, - it was - startled away - when she -
tripped - on a root - and fell down.
- (33) Kate was in the studio alone, drawing.
The final - sketch - of the - week- was not - yet finished - when she - realized
there - was no more - time left in the session.
- (34) Emily was alone in the gallery, sculpting.
Hopeful that - a successful - career as - an artist - was still - attainable, - she
hoped - to make good money - when the final - piece sold.
- (35) Emma was skateboarding alone in the skate park.
After completing - a difficult - jump trick - in front - of the - fountain, - she
desired - to complete - even more - complicated tricks.
- (36) Olivia was shooting alone at the practice range.
There were - still many - targets - left to - try to - hit when - she had - finished
taking - her last - shot.
- (37) Hannah was in the house alone, sneezing a lot.
All the - allergy medication - and nasal - spray seemed - to be missing - when
she - looked for - something to - relieve her allergies.
- (38) Sarah was on the train alone, starving.
When approaching - the first - stop where - there was - a convenience - store, -
she decided to - get a snack - when the - train stopped.
- (39) Natalie was birdwatching alone in the park.
Keeping a journal - to help document - and identify - the birds - seemed like a -
smart idea - when she - saw how many - different types - there were.

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- (40) Linda was singing alone in the karaoke bar.
Before going up - to make - another attempt - at singing - another bad - country song, - she ordered - another drink - when the waitress - came by the table.
- (41) Michael was drinking alone in the pub.
The new - liquor store - just down - the road - was already - closed - when they - realized they - wanted to get more - wine on the way home.
- (42) David was sailing alone on the ocean.
Once finally - reaching land - after ten - days straight - at sea - all alone, - they expected - to be warmly - welcomed when - the ship docked.
- (43) Richard was sleeping alone in the bedroom.
Dinner had - already been - served and - all the dishes - cleaned and - put away - when they - finally woke up - and realized they - were hungry.
- (44) Robert was running alone on the track.
After finishing - the last - mile with - better time - than ever - before, - they chose to - take a break - when they noticed - how tired they were.
- (45) Matthew was swimming alone in the pool.
It was - apparent that - the brand new - pair of goggles - did not - work well - when they - dove into the - pool and got - chlorine in their eyes.
- (46) Kimberly was gardening alone in the yard.
After planting - some daisies - and some - rose bushes - in the front - of the yard, - they attempted - to plant some - vegetables to harvest - later that year.
- (47) Nancy was lying alone in the hammock.
After loudly - falling out - of the - hammock - and onto - the ground, - they intended - to go inside - to finish - their nap.
- (48) Rachel was weightlifting alone in the weight room.
It was time - to start - doing stretches - before going - home for - the day, - when they - realized they had - managed to beat - their personal record.
- (49) Jessica was figure skating alone at the ice rink.
After perfectly - completing - last year's - routine as - a warm up - that morning, - they failed to - do as well - with their - new routine.
- (50) Julia was in the bedroom alone, panicking.
Even more - anxiety about - homework and - final exams - started to - set in - when they realized - how much more - they had left - to study.
- (51) The current class was worried about the final exam.
Every person - who had - taken the - final exam - last year - and passed - said that - the next class - would definitely need - to study.
- (52) A sales flyer was sent out before Black Friday.
Every customer - wanted to - get a price - adjustment - on last week's - purchases - when the - sales prices - were listed at - half off.

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- (53) Some participants found the marathon more challenging than others.
Every inexperienced - runner in - the marathon - was extremely - exhausted -
and dehydrated - when only - half of - the race - was completed.
- (54) No parent wanted to pay for the field trip fees.
Every parent - expected that - the field trips - would be - less expensive - when
the - teacher said that - the class - would get - a discount.
- (55) The airline was not known for providing tasty meals.
Every traveler - on the - plane was - very unhappy - with the - food selection -
when it - was finally - time for - dinner.
- (56) It was the last debate of the election season.
The first - few candidates - to speak - during the - political debate - that evening
- presented plans - to raise taxes - to spend more - on transit services.
- (57) The country club had recently raised its membership fees.
The new - members at - the elite - country club - were extremely - surprised -
when the - increased - membership fees - were charged.
- (58) The class seemed to always get unruly in the late afternoon.
The smartest - pupils in - the classroom - had trouble - focusing on - school work
- when the - other classes - were on - afternoon recess.
- (59) As the children got older, it became harder for the whole family to schedule time
off together.
The younger - cousins did - not want - to go on - the family - camping trip -
when the - parents said that - the older cousins - would not be there.
- (60) The hospital was usually short-staffed.
The elderly - patients in - the hospital - often - got quite - demanding - when it -
seemed that - the nurses - were neglecting them.

EXPERIMENTAL MATERIALS: EXPERIMENT 2A

Test Materials

- (1) Just one granddaughter could inherit the jewelry. Every granddaughter/The
youngest granddaughter hoped that the recipient would be them/her.
- (2) Only one policeman could win the race. Every policeman/The youngest police-
man thought that the winner would be them/him.
- (3) The rules stated that only one nurse could be promoted to supervisor. Ev-
ery nurse/The oldest nurse hoped that the one chosen as supervisor would be
them/her.
- (4) A group of fishermen held a competition to see who would catch the largest fish.
Every fisherman/The oldest fisherman thought that the one who would catch the
biggest fish would be them/him.

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- (5) There was only one winner of the axe throwing competition at the fair each year. Every lumberjack/The first lumberjack expected that the one to hit the most targets would be them/him.
- (6) The women's Olympic team had to choose the fastest runner. Every woman/The youngest woman thought that the fastest one on the team would be them/her.
- (7) The boys in 10th grade were arguing about who was the smartest. Every boy/The tallest boy bragged that the smartest one in the class was them/him.
- (8) All the actresses in the movie were nominated for the same award. Every actress/The youngest actress hoped that the winner of the award would be them/her.
- (9) Only one man at the seniors home would get the corner room. Every man/The shyest man hoped that the one to get the corner room would be them/him.
- (10) Of the twenty nuns in the convent, only one would be chosen to become mother superior. Every nun/The wisest nun prayed that the one to be chosen would be them/her.
- (11) At a convention for salesmen, an award was given to the person who made the most sales that year. Every salesman/The youngest salesman hoped that the winner of the award would be them/him.
- (12) Only one waitress ever gets scheduled for stat holidays at the diner. Every waitress/The newest waitress thought that this time the one scheduled would be them/her.
- (13) Only one of the sons would take over the autoshop. Every son/The most experienced son argued that the new owner should be them/him.
- (14) Whenever the store closes late, one cleaning lady has to work overtime to finish up. Every cleaning lady/The grumpiest cleaning lady thought the one staying late would be them/her.
- (15) There was finally one opening for foreman at the site. Every construction worker/The laziest construction worker believed the one to become foreman would be them/him.
- (16) One model gets chosen to open the runway show each year at Fashion Week. Every supermodel/The most arrogant supermodel expected that the one chosen would be them/her.
- (17) There was only one doughnut left in the breakroom. Every secretary/The oldest secretary hoped that the doughnut would be left for them/her.
- (18) The hospital needed to hire a new chief of surgery. Every surgeon/The most arrogant surgeon assumed the one to get the job would be them/him.

PROCESSING BOUND VARIABLE *SINGULAR THEY*

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- (19) A group of teenage guys competed to see who could lift the most weight. Every guy/The oldest guy thought that the strongest one in the group would be them/him.
- (20) The girls in the class were lined up to see who was the tallest. Every girl/The skinniest girl thought that the tallest one in the class would be them/her.

Fillers

Fillers for Experiment 2a were identical to the ones used in Experiment 1a.

EXPERIMENTAL MATERIALS: EXPERIMENT 2B

Test Materials

- (1) Just one granddaughter could inherit the jewelry.
Every granddaughter/The youngest granddaughter - hoped that - the one who - would inherit - the jewelry - would be - them/her when - the will - was finally - announced.
- (2) Only one policeman could win the race.
Every policeman/The youngest policeman - thought that - the one who - would win - the race - would be - them/him when - the times - were finally - announced.
- (3) The rules stated that only one hostess could be promoted to supervisor.
Every hostess/The oldest hostess - hoped that - the one who - would be promoted - to supervisor - would be - them/her when - the decision - was posted - on Friday.
- (4) The fishermen held a yearly competition to see who would catch the largest fish.
Every fisherman/The oldest fisherman - thought that - the one who - would catch - the biggest fish - would be - them/him when - the competition - finished - that evening.
- (5) There was only one winner of the axe throwing competition at the fair each year.
Every lumberjack/The first lumberjack - expected that - the one who - would hit - the most targets - would be - them/him when - the scores - were calculated - after the game.
- (6) The Russian ballet had to choose a new prima ballerina.
Every ballerina/The youngest ballerina - thought that - the one who - would be - chosen - would be - them/her when - the time - came for - auditions.
- (7) The boys in 10th grade were arguing about who was the smartest.
Every boy/The tallest boy - expected that - the one who - would win - the argument - would be - them/him when - the teacher - eventually released - the grades.
- (8) All the actresses in the movie were nominated for the same award.
Every actress/The youngest actress - hoped that - the one who - would win - the award - would be - them/her when - the announcer - started to open - the envelope.

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- (9) Only one old man at the seniors home would get the corner room.
Every old man/The shyest old man - hoped that - the one who - would get - the corner room - would be - them/him when - the changes - were eventually - decided.
- (10) Of the twenty nuns at the convent, only one would be chosen to become mother superior.
Every nun/The wisest nun - prayed that - the one who - would be - chosen - would be - them/her when - the time - came for - the decision.
- (11) At a convention for salesmen, an award was given to the person who made the most sales that year.
Every salesman/The newest salesman - hoped that - the one who - would win - the award - would be - them/him when - the company - released - the year end numbers.
- (12) Only one waitress ever gets scheduled for stat holidays at the diner.
Every waitress/The newest waitress - thought that - the one who - would get - the holiday shifts - would be - them/her when - the schedule - was finally - released.
- (13) Only one of the sons would take over the business.
Every son/The most experienced son - argued that - the one who - should become - the new owner - should be - them/him when - the father - decided - to retire.
- (14) Whenever the store closes late, one cleaning lady has to work overtime to lock up.
Every cleaning lady/The grumpiest cleaning lady - thought that - the one who - would work - overtime - would be - them/her when - the shop - needed to - close late.
- (15) There was finally an opening for foreman at the new site.
Every construction man/The laziest construction man - believed that - the one who - should get - the position - should be - them/him when - the opening - was announced - last week.
- (16) One beauty queen gets chosen to present the award for the next competition.
Every beauty queen/The most famous beauty queen - expected that - the one chosen - to present - the award - would be - them/her when - the selection - was finally - made.
- (17) There was only one doughnut left in the breakroom.
Every woman/The oldest woman - hoped that - the one who - would get - the doughnut - would be - them/her when - the coffee break - was - over.
- (18) The apartment building needed someone to install the new light fixtures.
Every handyman/The friendliest handyman - hoped that - the one who - would get - the job - would be - them/him when - the contract - was finally - made.

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- (19) A group of teenage boys competed to see who could win a trivia contest.
Every boy/The oldest boy - thought that - the one who - would be - most knowl-
edgeable - would be - them/him when - the answers - were revealed - at the
end.
- (20) The girls in the class were lined up to see who was the tallest.
Every girl/The skinniest girl - thought that - the one who - would be - the tallest
- would be - them/her when - the heights - were finally - measured.

Fillers

Fillers for Experiment 2b were identical to the ones used in Experiment 1b.