

Assignment 3

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About this assignment This is meant to reenforce the things we did with Florian. It is also a warm-up for the experimental work you will do later — and it could evolve into your actual pilot study.

1 Hypothesis

Formulate a hypothesis based on material we've covered in the course. The hypothesis can seek to support, refute, or extend claims that we have explored. You can work with a hypothesis we discussed with Florian, but you need to put it into your own words — make it your own.

2 Data

Provide at least **four** examples that can test your hypothesis.

3 Task

What do participants have to do? (See step 3 of Florian's 'Experiment design' handout.)

4 Instructions

Reformulate your task as an explicit set of instructions for your subjects to read before they begin. Keep in mind that your subjects cannot be presumed to know about linguistics and that you need to work to ensure that they can't guess what you are testing.