Pilot study

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Instructions Each of the following examples involves a pair of sentences: the set-up sentence comes first, and the **continuation** sentence comes second. Please rate the **continuation** on the following scale:

1	2	3	4	5
highly unnatural				very natural

For example:

(A) Sam bought a new house. The roof is a bit leaky.

1	2	3	4	[5]
highly unnatural				very natural

(1) Sam entered the parking garage. His car was nowhere in sight.

1	2	3	4	5
highly unnatural				very natural

(2) Lyla opened the book. The page was ripped.

1	2	3	4	5
highly unnatural				very natural

(3) Julie bought a package of 100 pens. The pen was leaky.

1	2	3	4	5
highly unnatural				very natural

(4) Juan drove up to the busy tollbooths. The toll taker was rude.

1	2	3	4	5
highly unnatural				very natural

(5) Hank closed the window. The bee was buzzing just outside it.

1	2	3	4	5
highly unnatural				very natural

(6) Sam brought his bicycle to the shop. Its engine would need to be repaired.

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highly unnatural				very natural