**Scrambled Sentences Task (SST)**

Paper versions of all instructions were presented to participants to read for themselves as well as being spoken aloud by the researcher. Instructions for the task were given only in English.

*Instructions:*

In this task, you will be asked to unscramble sentences to form statements. Each scrambled sentence contains six words. Unscramble five words in each sentence by placing a number over each of five words showing the order.

For example

3 2 1 5 4

Has green child the eyes blue

Unscramble the sentences to form statements, not questions.

Each sentence can be unscrambled into more than one statement, but you should choose only one statement to unscramble.

Unscramble the sentences to form whatever statement comes to mind first.

Work as quickly as you can, because your time will be limited to 3 minutes. (Do not correct errors.)

If you make a mistake, simply move on to the next item.

Now you have a go at some practice sentences

*Practice items:*

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| the windy yesterday weather snowy was |
| some need doesn’t she milk does |
| his horse carefully bike rides he |

*Remembering the number:*

Before we start I’m going to help you to memorise a 6-digit number. I’ll hold it up for a few seconds, and then hide it for a while, and then I’ll ask you to tell me the number. When you have done that correctly a couple of times, we’ll start the sentences.

[Possible numbers: 720185, 615239]

Now try to keep the number in your mind while you unscramble the sentences, as you will be asked to recall it later. You are not allowed to write it down!

Remember to work as quickly as you can because your time will be limited.

Do not correct errors.

If you make a mistake simply move on to the next item.

*Items:*

ENGLISH

1. happy miserable be I expect to
2. born I loser a winner am
3. will goals I cannot reach my
4. disappointed have I friend pleased my
5. me to is life cruel good
6. Good feel very bad I usually
7. Myself in disappointed am confident I
8. Ruining I life enjoying am my
9. Seems slowly time quickly to go
10. I fail will once succeed more
11. Seldom death often of think I
12. Usually feel I energetic tired very
13. Who I dislike I am like
14. Good mostly memories my sad are
15. Is nothing me something with wrong

SIMPLIFIED CHINESE

1. 快乐 悲惨 够 我 预期 能
2. 天生 我 输家 个 赢家 是
3. 会 目标 我 不会 达到 我的
4. 失望 令 我 朋友 满意 我的
5. 我来说 对于 是 生活 残酷的 美好的
6. 好 感到 非常 坏 我 通常
7. 自己 于 感失望 对 感自信 我
8. 破坏 我 人生 享受 在 我的
9. 好像 慢 时间 快 得 过
10. 我 失败 会 一次 成功 再
11. 不常 死亡 经常 到 想 我
12. 常常 感到 我 有活力 疲倦 非常
13. 我 我 讨厌 自 己 喜欢
14. 好的 通常 回忆 我的 伤心 是
15. 是 沒有 我 有 的 問題