

## SUPPLEMENTARY FILE FOR

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### APPENDIX 1 : TEST ITEMS

#	item type	item	translation	gender	elicited possessive
1	practice item	fly	plane	N	mitt
2	practice item	tog	train	N	mitt
3	practice item	flagg	flag	N	ditt
4	practice item	glass	glass	N	ditt
1	test item	kake	cake	F	mi
2	test item	krone	crown	F	mi
3	test item	frosk	frog	M	min
4	test item	kopp	mug	M	min
5	test item	geit	goat	F	di
6	test item	mus	mouse	F	di
7	test item	slange	snake	M	min
8	test item	kjole	dress	M	min
9	test item	måne	moon	M	din
10	test item	stige	ladder	M	din
11	test item	ekorn	squirrel	N	ditt
12	test item	eple	apple	N	ditt
13	test item	hest	horse	M	din
14	test item	traktor	tractor	M	din
15	test item	lue	beanie	F	mi
16	test item	klokke	clock	F	mi
17	test item	hus	house	N	mitt
18	test item	bord	table	N	mitt
19	test item	saks	scissors [sg.]	F	di
20	test item	vogn	cart	F	di

**Table 13:** All items from task 3 in the order of appearance.

## APPENDIX 2 : STATISTICAL MODELS

### Prenominal possessives

**7-BC-model:** Binomial mixed effects model for the high-schoolers (B-group) and adults (C-group) in all seven locations (glmer-function in R).

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Generalized linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood (Laplace
Approximation) ['glmerMod']
  Family: binomial ( logit )
Formula: Fem ~ Sted * AgeGroup + (1 | Word) + (1 | subject)
  Data: subset(GenVAC2, Condition == "PrePoss")
Control: glmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa", optCtrl = list(maxfun = 2e+06))

      AIC      BIC      logLik deviance df.resid
 1076.5    1168.3    -522.2     1044.5     2279

Scaled residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q      Max
-3.8630 -0.0310  0.0134  0.0741  4.6276

Random effects:
 Groups   Name        Variance Std.Dev.
 subject (Intercept) 22.0744  4.6983
 Word     (Intercept)  0.4292  0.6551
Number of obs: 2295, groups: subject, 287; Word, 8

Fixed effects:
                                         Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)                         -6.582e-02  1.155e+00 -0.057  0.95454
StedEgersund                          3.621e+00  1.598e+00  2.265  0.02349 *
StedKristiansand                      -7.492e+00  2.597e+00 -2.885  0.00392 **
StedLyngdal                           -3.400e+00  1.663e+00 -2.044  0.04096 *
StedMoiRana                            6.453e+00  2.022e+00  3.191  0.00142 **
StedStavanger                          -8.074e+00  3.048e+00 -2.649  0.00807 **
StedTrondheim                         -6.979e+00  2.665e+00 -2.619  0.00883 **
AgeGroupC                             8.805e+00  3.829e+00  2.300  0.02146 *
StedEgersund:AgeGroupC                -4.786e+00  4.459e+00 -1.073  0.28309
StedKristiansand:AgeGroupC           3.971e+00  4.670e+00  0.850  0.39514
StedLyngdal:AgeGroupC                2.561e+00  4.813e+00  0.532  0.59464
StedMoiRana:AgeGroupC                1.230e+01  6.821e+04  0.000  0.99986
StedStavanger:AgeGroupC              -5.961e-01  4.867e+00 -0.122  0.90252
StedTrondheim:AgeGroupC              -2.095e+00  4.643e+00 -0.451  0.65187
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Signif. codes:  0 '****' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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**3-ABC-model:** Binomial mixed effects model for the three locations with all age groups (children, high-schoolers, adults, i.e., group A, B, and C) (glmer-function in R).

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Generalized linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood (Laplace
Approximation) ['glmerMod']
  Family: binomial ( logit )
Formula: Fem ~ Sted * AgeGroup + (1 | Word) + (1 | subject)
  Data: subset(GenVAC3, Condition == "PrePoss")
Control: glmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa", optCtrl = list(maxfun = 2e+06))
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      AIC      BIC   logLik deviance df.resid
    730.7    788.8   -354.4     708.7     1443

Scaled residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
  -5.5766 -0.0371  0.0127  0.1007  3.4775

Random effects:
Groups  Name        Variance Std.Dev.
subject (Intercept) 19.008   4.360
Word    (Intercept)  1.057   1.028
Number of obs: 1454, groups: subject, 182; Word, 8

Fixed effects:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -0.4656    1.2348 -0.377  0.7061
StedMoiRana  2.7389    1.7182  1.594  0.1109
StedStavanger -6.3903   1.6331 -3.913 9.12e-05 ***
AgeGroupB    3.9216    1.6800  2.334  0.0196 *
AgeGroupC    8.0766    1.6691  4.839 1.31e-06 ***
StedMoiRana:AgeGroupB 0.1222    2.2691  0.054  0.9570
StedStavanger:AgeGroupB -5.1294   2.4021 -2.135  0.0327 *
StedMoiRana:AgeGroupC 13.3037   60.3403  0.220  0.8255
StedStavanger:AgeGroupC -1.1271   2.1000 -0.537  0.5915
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## Postnominal possessives

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Approximation) ['glmerMod']
  Family: binomial ( logit )
  Formula: Fem ~ Sted * AgeGroup + (1 | Word) + (1 | subject)
  Data: subset(GenVAC2, Condition == "PostPoss")
Control: glmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa", optCtrl = list(maxfun = 2e+06))

      AIC      BIC   logLik deviance df.resid
    304.6    396.4   -136.3     272.6     2279

Scaled residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
  -3.229  0.000  0.000  0.003  2.470

Random effects:
Groups  Name        Variance Std.Dev.
subject (Intercept) 135.443   11.638
Word    (Intercept)  1.212    1.101
Number of obs: 2295, groups: subject, 287; Word, 8

Fixed effects:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 1.227e+01  1.096e+01   1.120  0.2629
StedEgersund 4.731e-02  1.549e+01   0.003  0.9976
StedKristiansand -1.440e+00  1.264e+01  -0.114  0.9092

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StedLyngdal          1.772e+01  2.187e+05  0.000  0.9999
StedMoiRana          -5.002e-02 1.549e+01 -0.003  0.9974
StedStavanger        -2.025e+01 1.142e+01 -1.773  0.0762 .
StedTrondheim       -8.695e-01 1.342e+01 -0.065  0.9483
AgeGroupC            2.310e+01 3.968e+06 0.000  1.0000
StedEgersund:AgeGroupC -4.358e+00 3.983e+06 0.000  1.0000
StedKristiansand:AgeGroupC 1.223e+01 6.429e+06 0.000  1.0000
StedLyngdal:AgeGroupC -1.219e+01 6.740e+06 0.000  1.0000
StedMoiRana:AgeGroupC -5.747e+00 3.972e+06 0.000  1.0000
StedStavanger:AgeGroupC -5.865e+00 3.968e+06 0.000  1.0000
StedTrondheim:AgeGroupC 8.636e+00 6.261e+06 0.000  1.0000
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Signif. codes:  0 '****' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

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  Data: subset(GenVAC3, Condition == "PostPoss")
Control: glmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa", optCtrl = list(maxfun = 2e+06))

      AIC      BIC      logLik deviance df.resid
421.4    479.5   -199.7     399.4     1443

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Scaled residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-5.6429	0.0000	0.0015	0.0053	2.8155

Random effects:

Groups	Name	Variance	Std.Dev.
subject	(Intercept)	131.19	11.454
Word	(Intercept)	1.48	1.217

Number of obs: 1454, groups: subject, 182; Word, 8

Fixed effects:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	9.5580	1.7187	5.561	2.68e-08 ***
StedMoiRana	2.1879	3.3320	0.657	0.511
StedStavanger	-18.3178	2.7159	-6.745	1.53e-11 ***
AgeGroupB	2.7862	3.8677	0.720	0.471
AgeGroupC	32.5511	71.0572	0.458	0.647
StedMoiRana:AgeGroupB	-2.2852	6.0513	-0.378	0.706
StedStavanger:AgeGroupB	-1.9973	4.4406	-0.450	0.653
StedMoiRana:AgeGroupC	0.9284	512.3375	0.002	0.999
StedStavanger:AgeGroupC	-14.5230	71.0555	-0.204	0.838

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