

- (1) [Thierry Henry] contre-attaque. [L'attaquant des Bleus] s'est longuement exprimé sur [RTL] et [L'Equipe] lundi pour répondre à [[ses] détracteurs]... Quelques mots en conférence de presse, un message d'excuse sur [Twitter] et un communiqué mûrement réfléchi... Depuis cinq jour que [[sa] main] enflamme [la planète football], les explications de [Henry] étaient lapidaires. Du coup, lundi, [le capitaine [des Bleus]] est passé à la contre-offensive. S'[il] y a bien une chose qui a révélsé [Thierry Henry], c'est le manque de soutien au plus fort de la tempête.
- (2) « Tu₄ es mariée₁, et je₂ n'ai pu l'₁empêcher ; mais si mon₂³ bonheur, si mes₅³ jours te₇⁴ sont chers, il faut qu'avant mon₅⁵ départ je₆⁶ te₇⁷ voie, ne fût-ce que cinq minutes ». Frantext, N253 (Scribe, *Le mariage de raison*).
- (3) « Autrefois j'₃avais une servante₁ — jeune et jolie ; c'₁était la fille d'une pauvre femme ; — mais on₂ jasait dans la maison, et quand on₂⁴ rencontrait ma₆³ domestique₅, on₄⁴ lui₅⁵ chantait sur l'escalier : "allons, Babet, un peu de complaisance."₇ J'₆⁶gai entendu ça₇⁷ un jour₈ — et ça₈⁸ m'₉⁹a fâché ». Frantext, L863 (Murger, *Scènes de la vie de jeunesse*).
- (4) a. Fried eggs should be cooked properly and if there are frail or elderly people in the house, they should be hard-boiled.
 b. Autumn leaves may cause a problem for the elderly, especially when they fall and become a wet and soggy mess on the ground.
 c. If these shoes don't fit your feet, you can exchange them.
 d. There will be a Moscow Exhibition of Arts by 150,000 Soviet Republic painters and sculptors. These were executed over the past two years. [Mitkov, 2002]
- (5) Winograd Challenge pairs
 a. Pete envies Martin [because/although] he is very successful.
 Who is very successful?
 b. I was trying to balance the bottle upside down on the table, but I couldn't do it because it was so [top-heavy/uneven].
 What was [top-heavy/uneven]?
 c. I spread the cloth on the table in order to [protect/display] it.
 To [protect/display] what? [Levesque et al., 2012]
- (6) a. Les gardiens ont donné les fruits aux singes parce qu'ils étaient pourris.
 b. Les gardiens ont donné les fruits aux singes parce qu'ils étaient affamés.
 c. Les gardiens ont donné les fruits aux singes parce qu'ils étaient rassasiés.
- (7) a. We gave the bananas to the monkeys because they were hungry.
 b. We gave the bananas to the monkeys because they were ripe.
 c. We gave the bananas to the monkeys because they were here.
- (8) a. Susan knew that Ann's son had been in a car accident, [so/because] she told her about it. Who told the other about the accident?
Answers : Susan/Ann.
Comment : There is a large literature on "implicit causality" and "implicit consequentiality" biases (see, for example, (Hartshorne, 2013), (Kehler et al. 2008)), in which a comprehender obtains a preference for the antecedent of a pronoun in a second clause based on the content of the first clause and the connective, before seeing the content of the second clause. These are often associated with "so" and "because". For example

seeing :

"Sally frightened Mary because she ..." people interpret "she" as Sally.

"Sally loves Mary because she ..." people interpret "she" as Mary.

"Sally frightened Mary, so she ..." people interpret "she" as Mary.

"Sally loves Mary, so she ..." people interpret "she" as Sally.

If there are biases that favor the correct disambiguation in our example here, and if the direction of the biases can be determined purely from linguistic characteristics of the first clause e.g. from the use of the verb "knew", then this is not a valid Winograd schema, because an automated understander could do better than chance on this without employing world knowledge. However, I currently have no reason to think that this is the case.

- b. Joe's uncle can still beat him at tennis, even though he is 30 years [older/younger]. Who is [older/younger] ?

Answers : Joe's uncle/Joe.

Comment : Note the following results of Google search (1/9/11).

"uncle older" 14,500,000

"uncle younger" 9,630,000

"older" 357,000,000

"younger" 93,000,000

Thus "uncle" is not particularly associated with "older".¹

- (9) a. Paul est très fier de [[sa] nouvelle voiture].
b. Max a pris deux livres, et Paul [en] a pris trois.
- (10) [Jason] has [a Porsche] and [Katrin] has [a Focus]. [They] drive [them] all the time.
- (11) a. Jason almost bought [a Porsche], but [the color] wasn't at his taste.
b. John can open Bill's safe. He knows the combination. [Hobbs, 1979]
c. Nous arrivâmes dans un village mais l'église était fermée.
- (12) a. [No Frenchman] believes that World Cup referees treated [his] team fairly.
b. Si cet établissement a un tenancier, alors le tenancier est hollandais. [van der Sandt, 1992]
- (13) a. La plupart des étudiants acceptent que le professeur [les] interroge.
- (14) a. Jason tried [5 Porsches] this week-end. This tells you how much he likes [them].
b. Max a aperçu [trois éléphants], et Léa en a vu un. [Milner, 1982]
- (15) a. Bush a rencontré Poutine et Merkel et Poutine a insisté pour que...
- (16) a. Le président et le directeur de la compagnie ont été convoqués mais seul le directeur a été interrogé.
b. Thierry Henry ... Henry ...
- (17) a. [Thierry Henry] contre-attaque. [L'attaquant des Bleus] s'est exprimé...
- (18) John [went to the party], but Mary didn't [0].
- (19) a. John went to the party and Mary to the bar.
b. John went to the party and Mary did to the bar.
c. John was mad at Mary but she didn't know why.
d. ...

1. Source : <https://www.cs.nyu.edu/davise/papers/WS.html>

- (20) John went [to the station]. Mary met him [there].
- (21) She bought three pairs of shoes last month, and another [one] this week.
- (22) There are two roads to eternity , a straight and narrow, and a broad and crooked
- (23) Jason bought [a Focus]_i.
 a. #She_i /It_i is beautiful.
 b. He likes #them_i /it_i .
 c. He likes #you_i /it_i .
- (24) a. Jason_i bought himself_{i/*j} a silver Focus.
 b. Jason_i bought him_{*i/j} a silver Focus.
- (25) a. Jason bought [a coupé]. [That car] cost him a fortune. (coupé ∈ car)
 b. Jason is so happy about [his new car]. He drove [it] around all day long.
 (selectional restrictions)
- (26) Jason has a Focus. Nick has a Volvo. Emmy likes to drive it. [it=a Volvo]
- (27) Jason needed a new car. He decided he wanted something more sporty. Nick went with him to the car dealers. He bought a Porsche. [He=Jason]
- (28) Jason went to the car dealers with Nick. He bought a Porsche. [He=Jason]
- (29) John had a lovely evening last night.
 He had a great meal.
 He ate salmon.
 He devoured lots of cheese.
 He then won a dancing competition.
 ??It was a beautiful pink.

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