# Experimental Methodologies in Language Acquisition (615:435)Prof. SyrettAssignment #4: Preferential LookingDUE 11/28/16 by 5 pm (9 pm latest!) Submitted via Assignments function in Sakai.NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. PERIOD.

Your job is to design a Preferential Looking or Forced Choice Pointing Task along the lines of those discussed in class so far.

### You may choose from these Selected Topics:

- 1. Knowledge of the Universal Quantifier meaning of every
- 2. Knowledge of the Active v. Passive Voice distinction
- 3. Knowledge of Principle B
- 4. Meaning of a novel word (Direct Object Argument of a Verb (Patient) v. Direct Object of a Preposition (Instrument or Other Event Participant))

#### Your paper should have the following sections:

- 1. Introduction (You should provide a <u>brief</u> introduction describing the phenomenon and the aims of the experiment, and spell out the default and alternative hypotheses.
- 2. Participants (You will have adult controls. You should determine a suitable age range for the children.)
- 3. Experimental Design
  - **3.1 Stimuli** (Both visual and auditory stimuli for training and test sessions. Include a table with sample trial structure. Indicate how long each trial and the whole session will take)

**3.2 Procedure** (As outlined in any of the papers we have covered on this methodology.)

- **4. Results** (You should include the <u>proposed</u> dependent measure and means of analysis. Do NOT pretend that you already have results!)
- 5. Predictions (Spell out your predictions, and what the significance of the findings will be.)
- 6. Appendix (Provide a <u>table</u> with the full list of all trials, along with stimuli and target sentences)

## YOU MAY NOT COLLABORATE WITH MORE THAN ONE PERSON WITH WHOM YOU HAVE COLLABORATED BEFORE! (Ooh, I know. That's harsh. You can do it.)

## FORMATTING requirements (MUST be followed to get full credit!)

- Papers can be no longer than 8 pages double spaced, Arial 11-point font.
- Documents MUST be a PDF. (Notes or Doc versions will NOT be accepted.)
- Your document must be named as follows Lastname\_Firstname.pdf (ex. Armisen\_Fred.pdf)
- Your name (first and last), our class name/number, and the date MUST be on the front page. NO title page, please! You should also include a title, centered at the top of the page.
- Pages should be numbered at the bottom of the page (centered).
- Please list your collaborators and your respective contributions.