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Computational Model Details. The computational models presented in the paper were implemented in R 3.02 using version 2.01 of the `rstan` package. Best-fitting parameters for Experiment 1 for each model were estimated by computing the mean value returned across 1000 samples. Raw data for all participants presented in the paper and R code for running the models are available in the repository linked in the main text.

Mixed Effect Model Details. The mixed-effects models presented in the paper were implemented in R 3.02 using version 1.1-6 of the `lme4` package. The models were constructed iteratively, with first main effects and then interaction terms added as long as they significantly improved the fit of the model to the data (measured by χ^2). Full details of the model specification is presented in Tables S1 and S2.

Table S1. Predictor estimates with standard errors and significance information for a logistic mixed-effects model predicting word learning in Experiment 1.

Predictor	Estimate	Std. Error	<i>z</i> value	<i>p</i> value	
Intercept	4.68	0.41	11.45	<.001	***
Log(Referents)	-0.55	0.18	-3.00	<.001	**
Log(Interval)	-0.41	0.19	-2.19	.03	*
Switch Trial	-1.44	0.43	-3.34	<.001	***
Log(Referents)*Log(Interval)	-0.13	0.09	-1.45	.15	
Log(Referents)*Switch Trial	-1.04	0.20	-5.32	<.001	***
Log(Interval)*Switch Trial	0.13	0.20	0.65	.51	
Log(Referents)*Log(Interval)*Switch Trial	0.20	0.10	2.13	.03	*

The model was specified as `Correct ~ Log(Referents) * Log(Interval) * TrialType + (TrialType | subject)`

Table S2. Predictor estimates with standard errors and significance information for a logistic mixed-effects model predicting word learning in Experiment 2.

Predictor	Estimate	Std. Error	<i>z</i> value	<i>p</i> value	
Intercept	3.97	0.27	14.88	<.001	***
Log(Referents)	-0.47	0.10	-4.76	<.001	***
Log(Interval)	-0.60	0.07	-8.39	<.001	***
New Label Trial	-4.02	0.30	-13.31	<.001	***
Log(Referents)*New Label Trial	-0.24	0.12	-2.00	.04	*
Log(Interval)*New Label Trial	0.58	0.08	6.99	<.001	***

The model was specified as `Correct ~ Log(Referents) * TrialType + Log(Interval) * TrialType + (TrialType | subject)`