Recordings for the Examples in Chapter 6 of
Assertion and Rejection

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Clicking on an @ opens a link to the audio files. Examples (@91)–(@135) have been recorded by Bob Ladd to whom I am very grateful for this. Examples (@155) and (@161) are from the TV shows *The Big Bang Theory* and *Community*, respectively.

(@91) a. Harvey: Who likes Michael?

  b. Jessica: $\underline{\text{Rachel}}_\text{H}$ likes Michael.$_\text{LL\%}$

 #b.$'$ Jessica: Rachel likes $\underline{\text{Michael}}_\text{H}$.$_\text{LL\%}$

(@92) a. Louis: Is Harvey going to fire me?

  b. Donna: $\underline{\text{Harvey}}_\text{L+H}$ is not going to fire you.$_\text{LH\%}$

    $\rightsquigarrow$ *but someone else is*

(@93) a. Harvey: Who likes Michael?

 #b. Jessica: Nobody likes $\underline{\text{Michael}}_\text{H}$.$_\text{LL\%}$

  b.$'$ Jessica: Nobody likes $\underline{\text{Michael}}_\text{L+H}$.$_\text{LH\%}$

  b.$''$ Jessica: Nobody $\underline{\text{likes}}_\text{L+H}$ Michael.$_\text{LH\%}$

(@95) a. William: Does Paula live in Paris?

  b. Edith: $\underline{\text{Paula}}_\text{L+H}$ does not live in Paris.$_\text{LH\%}$

     $\rightsquigarrow$ *someone (else) does live in Paris*

 #b.$'$ Edith: $\underline{\text{Paula}}_\text{H}$ does not live in Paris.$_\text{LL\%}$

  b.$''$ Edith: Paula does $\underline{\text{not}}_\text{H}$ live in Paris.$_\text{LL\%}$

     $\not\rightsquigarrow$ *someone (else) does live in Paris*

(@96) a. William: Who does not live in Paris?

    b. Edith: $\underline{Paula}_{L+H}$ does not live in Paris.$_{LH\%}$

          ⤳ *But is this what you wanted to know?*

    b.′ Edith: $\underline{Paula}_{H}$ does not live in Paris.$_{LL\%}$

          ↛ *someone (else) does live in Paris*

(@98) a. Harvey: Does Rachel like Michael?

    b. Jessica: Rachel $\underline{does}_{H}$ like Michael.$_{LL\%}$

    b.′ Jessica: Rachel does $\underline{not}_{H}$ like Michael.$_{LL\%}$

(@99) a. Harvey: Does Rachel like Michael?

    b. Jessica: $\underline{Rachel}_{L+H}$ does not like Michael.$_{LH\%}$

          ⤳ *but someone else does.*

    b.′ Jessica: Rachel does not $\underline{like}_{L+H}$ Michael.$_{LH\%}$

          ⤳ *but she does something else regarding Michael.*

    b.″ Jessica: Rachel does not like $\underline{Michael}_{L+H}.{}_{LH\%}$

          ⤳ *but someone else.*

(@100) *Context: Jessica and Katrina are both job hunting.*

    a. Harvey: Did you get a job?

    b. Jessica: $\underline{Katrina}_{L+H}$ got a job.$_{LH\%}$

          ⤳ *Jessica did not get one.*

          or *Jessica does not know yet whether she got offered one.*

    #b.′ Jessica: Katrina got a $\underline{job}_{L+H} \cdot {}_{LH\%}$

    #b.″ Jessica: Katrina got a $\underline{job}_{H} \cdot {}_{LL\%}$

(@101) a. Harvey: Does anybody like Michael?

    b. Jessica: $\underline{Rachel}_{H}$ likes Michael.$_{LL\%}$

(@102) a. Harvey: Who likes Michael?

    #b. Jessica: Rachel likes $\underline{Michael}_{H}\cdot{}_{LL\%}$

(@103) a. Harvey: Does Rachel like Michael?

    b. Jessica: $\underline{Rachel}_{L+H}$ does not like Michael.$_{LH\%}$

    #b.′ Jessica: $\underline{Rachel}_{H}$ does not like Michael.$_{LL\%}$

(@104) a. William: Does Paula live in Paris?

   b. Edith: $\underline{Paula}_{L+H}$ lives in Paris.$_{LH\%}$

   ⤳ *but someone (else) does not*

(@106) a. William: We bought po-tah-toes.

   b. Edith: We bought $\underline{\text{po-tay-toes}}_{L+H \cdot LH\%}$

   ⤳ *not "po-tah-toes"*

(@107) a. William: Do you live in the US?

   b. Edith: I live in $\underline{\text{New York City}}_{L+H \cdot LH\%}$

   ⇸ *not in the US.*

   ⤳ *not "the US".*

(@108) a. William: Did Paula eat all the cookies?

   b. Edith: Paula ate $\underline{some}_{L+H}$ of the cookies.$_{LH\%}$

   ⤳ *but not all of them*;

   or *but Edith is not sure whether it was all the cookies.*

(@109) a. William: Is Michael coming to the party?

   b. Edith: He is $\underline{invited}_{L+H \cdot LH\%}$

   ⤳ *but he is not coming*;

   or *but Edith does not know whether Michael is coming.*

(@110) *Context: Jessica and Katrina applied for the same job.*

   a. Harvey: Did they offer the job to Katrina?

   b. Jessica: Well, they didn't offer it to $\underline{me}_{L+H} \cdot_{LH\%}$

(@111) a. Amy: Does Paula like opera?

   b. Bob: She likes $\underline{Wagner}_{L+H \cdot LH\%}$

   ⇸ *Paula does not like opera.*

   ⤳ *Paula possibly likes opera.*

   b.′ Bob: She likes $\underline{Wagner}_{H \cdot LL\%}$

   ⤳ *Paula likes opera.*

(@112) a. Amy: Does Paula like opera?

      b. Bob: She likes <u>musicals</u>$_{L+H}$·$_{LH\%}$

(@113) a.   <u>Nobody</u>$_H$ likes Michael.$_{LL\%}$

          ?? background: $x_{\mathbf{entity}}$ *likes Michael.*

      b.   <u>Somebody</u>$_H$ likes Michael.$_{LL\%}$

          ?? background: $x_{\mathbf{entity}}$ *likes Michael.*

(@114) a. William: There is a man in the garage.

      b. Edith: There is <u>something</u>$_{L+H}$ in the garage.$_{LH\%}$

(@115) a. William: There is something in the garage.

      b. Edith: There is some<u>body</u>$_{L+H}$ in the garage.$_{LH\%}$

(@116) a. James: (. . .) we're all mad, aren't we?

      b. Danny: Well, <u>some</u>$_{L+H}$ of us.$_{LH\%}$

(@117) a. <u>Nobody</u>$_H$ likes Michael.$_{LL\%}$

          background: $x_{\mathbf{quantifier}}z.(z$ *likes Michael*$)$.

      b. <u>Somebody</u>$_H$ likes Michael.$_{LL\%}$

          background: $x_{\mathbf{quantifier}}z.(z$ *likes Michael*$)$.

(@118) a. William: Do I have to attend class?

      b. Edith: You <u>may</u>$_H$ attend class;$_{LL\%}$ we do not take attendance.

            background: *William $x_{\mathbf{aux}}$ attend class.*

(@120) ?a.′ <u>Fred's wife</u>$_H$ didn't steal the tarts.$_{LL\%}$

      a.″ <u>Fred's wife</u>$_{L+H}$ didn't steal the tarts.$_{LH\%}$

      b.′ I'm still not convinced that the tarts were stolen, but surely

           <u>Fred's wife</u>$_H$ didn't steal them.$_{LL\%}$

      b.″ I'm still not convinced that the tarts were stolen, but surely

           <u>Fred's wife</u>$_{L+H}$ didn't steal them.$_{LH\%}$

(@121) a. Harvey: Who likes Michael?

      b. Jessica: <u>Rachel</u>$_H$ likes Michael.$_{LL\%}$

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      y. Harvey: Who likes Michael again?

      z. Jessica: <u>Rachel</u>$_{L+H}$ likes Michael.$_{LH\%}$

               $\rightsquigarrow$ *you should know that*

(@122) *Context: Jessica and Katrina applied for the same job.*

      a. Harvey: Did they offer the job to Katrina?

      b. Jessica: Well, they didn't offer it to <u>me</u>$_{L+H}$.$_{LH\%}$

      b.′ Jessica: They offered it to <u>me</u>$_{L+H}$.$_{LH\%}$

(@123)   a. Julian: Is Nicholas coming to my talk?

       b. Alex: <u>Ernie</u>$_{L+H}$ is coming to your talk.$_{LH\%}$

  #b.′ Alex: <u>Ernie</u>$_{L+H}$ is not coming to your talk.$_{LH\%}$

(@124)   a. Edith: Is my daughter in hospital?

   #b. William: <u>Ernie</u>$_{L+H}$ is in hospital.$_{LH\%}$

  #b.′ William: <u>Ernie</u>$_{L+H}$ is not in hospital.$_{LH\%}$

(@125) a. I'm looking for a <u>girl</u>$_H$ to strangle.$_{LL\%}$

      b. He's looking for a girl to <u>strangle</u>$_H$.$_{LL\%}$

(@126)   a.   William: What did John do?

  #b.   Edith: John killed <u>someone</u>$_H$.$_{LL\%}$

    b.′ Edith: John <u>killed</u>$_H$ someone.$_{LL\%}$

    b.″ Edith: John killed a <u>policeman</u>$_H$.$_{LL\%}$

  #b.‴ Edith: John <u>killed</u>$_H$ a policeman.$_{LL\%}$

(@127)   a. Stephen: What did you see?

      b. Lucy: I saw a white <u>cat</u>$_H$.$_{LL\%}$

  #b.′ Lucy: I saw a <u>white</u>$_H$ cat.$_{LL\%}$

(@128)   a. Stefano: Che cosa hai visto?   *What did you see?*

   b. Lucilla: Ho visto un gatto <u>bianco</u>$_{H \cdot LL\%}$ *I saw a <u>white</u> cat.*

#b.′ Lucilla: Ho visto un <u>gatto</u>$_{H}$ bianco.$_{LL\%}$ *I saw a white <u>cat</u>.*

(@129)   a. Stephen: What kind of cat did you see?

#b. Lucy: I saw a white <u>cat</u>$_{H \cdot LL\%}$

   b.′ Lucy: I saw a <u>white</u>$_{H}$ cat.$_{LL\%}$

(@130)   a. Stefano: Hai visto una cosa bianca?   *Did you see something white?*

#b. Lucilla: Ho visto un gatto <u>bianco</u>$_{H \cdot LL\%}$ *I saw a <u>white</u> cat.*

   b.′ Lucilla: Ho visto un <u>gatto</u>$_{H}$ bianco.$_{LL\%}$ *I saw a white <u>cat</u>.*

(@132) a. Amy: Did you read the first chapter?

   b. Bob: I read the entire <u>dissertation</u>$_{H \cdot LL\%}$

   b.′ Bob: I read the entire <u>dissertation</u>$_{L+H \cdot LH\%}$
        ⤳ *I thought you knew this already.*

(@133) a. Amy: You can't afford that.

   b. Bob: I'm a <u>millionaire</u>$_{H \cdot LL\%}$
        ⤳̸ *I thought you knew this already*

   b.′ Bob: I'm a <u>millionaire</u>$_{L+H \cdot LH\%}$
        ⤳ *I thought you knew this already*

(@134) a. Amy: Harry is the biggest liar in town.

   b. Bob: The biggest <u>fool</u>$_{H}$, maybe.$_{LL\%}$

   b.′ Bob: The biggest <u>fool</u>$_{L+H}$, maybe.$_{LH\%}$

(@135) a. Amy: Alan's such a klutz.

   b. Bob: He's good at <u>badminton</u>$_{L+H \cdot LH\%}$

(@155) a. A: What's the sixth noble gas?

   b. B: Uh, <u>Radon</u>$_{H}$?$_{LH\%}$

   c. A: Are you asking me or telling me?

   d. B: <u>Telling</u>$_{H}$ you?$_{LH\%}$

(@161) a. Inflection is <u>so-o</u>$_L$ interesting.$_{LL\%}$

       ⤳ *inflection is very uninteresting.*