

Figure 1: a sample vignette in the comprehension task



In each vignette, three possible answers are introduced, (e.g. apartment, hospital, and bookstore). Participants then see one of the choices being chosen (the hospital), while hearing a general statement that narrows down three choices to two choices (“the man went to the white building”). In a PQ trial, the experimenter asks: “the man went where?” and the target answer is “the hospital” as it is the most specific answer, while “the white building” is a non-target answer as it is not wrong but not informative enough. In an EQ trial, the experimenter asks: “the man went WHERE?” and the target answer is “the white building” as the asker in this case is only interested in knowing what has been said. The wrong answer for both trials would be “the book store” or “the apartment”.