

## Highs and Lows in English Attachment

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### Abstract

? claim that Relative-Clause attachment ambiguity resolution is largely dependent on whether or not a Pseudo-Relative interpretation is available. Data from Italian, and other languages allowing Pseudo-Relatives, support this hypothesis. Pseudo-Relative availability, however, covaries with the semantics of the main predicate (e.g., perceptual vs. stative). Experiment 1 assesses whether this predicate distinction alone can account for prior attachment results by testing it with a language that disallows Pseudo-Relatives (i.e. English). Low Attachment was found independent of Predicate-Type. Predicate-Type did however have a minor modulatory role. Experiment 2 shows that English, traditionally classified as a Low Attachment language, can demonstrate High Attachment with sentences globally ambiguous between a Small-Clause and a reduced Relative-Clause interpretation. These results support a grammatical account of previous effects and provide novel evidence for the parser's preference of a Small-Clause over a Restrictive interpretation, cross-linguistically.

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## 1. Introduction

The primary goal of psycholinguistics is to build a universal model of language processing in which crosslinguistic variation is grounded in language specific grammatical properties. Crosslinguistic variation in parsing preferences that does not stem from a grammatical distinction pose challenges to theories of parsing (??). Indeed, the language dependent preference for either high or low attachment of the Relative Clause (RC) in (1) (first observed by ? and replicated by many others)<sup>1</sup> has generated extensive investigation, given there was no known grammatical distinction until recent work by ? and ?. Speakers of English show an overall Low Attachment (LA) preference (i.e., attaching to *the actress* in (1)), while speakers of Spanish, i.a., demonstrate a High Attachment (HA) preference (attaching to *the maid* in (1)).

- (1) a. John saw [<sub>DP1</sub> the [<sub>NP1</sub> maid<sub>1</sub> of [<sub>DP2</sub> the [<sub>NP2</sub>actress<sub>2</sub> [<sub>CP</sub> that was<sub>2</sub> standing on the balcony]]]]]  
 b. Juan vio [<sub>DP1</sub> la [<sub>NP1</sub>criada<sub>1</sub> de [<sub>DP2</sub> la [<sub>NP2</sub> actriz<sub>2</sub>] [<sub>CP</sub> que estaba<sub>1</sub> en el balcón]]]]

Several earlier accounts for these results have captured some essential aspect of the phenomenon but not its entirety. Previous accounts include (i) assuming modification by RCs, and other non-primary relations, being parsed using a variety of non-structural principles (?); (ii) differences in frequency of exposure to HA vs. LA structures (?); (iii) parametrization of parsing principles (?), (iv) cross-linguistic differences in prosody (?); and (v) cross-linguistic differences in the relativizing element (?). In more recent work, ? argues that cross-linguistic differences are more limited in scope than initially presumed and are largely based on independent grammatical properties of the languages under scrutiny. Similarly, ? and ? discuss a particular crosslinguistic grammatical variable that could explain the remaining variability: Pseudo-Relative (PR)

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<sup>1</sup>See ? for discussion of this vast literature.

22 availability.

23 ? and ? identified a grammatical confound in the RC attachment literature: an asymmetric  
24 availability of Pseudo-Relatives (PR) across languages and structures. The PR is string identical  
25 to an RC, but the two differ from each other structurally and interpretively. RCs (1) modify  
26 Noun-Phrases (NPs) and denote properties of entities, while PRs (2-a) are either complements or  
27 adjuncts of Verb-Phrases (VPs) and denote events, much like the English eventive Small-Clause  
28 (SC) in (2-b), which is the closest English translation of (2-a).

29 (2) a. Juan vio [<sub>PR</sub> [<sub>DP</sub> la criada<sub>1</sub> de la actriz<sub>2</sub>] [<sub>CP</sub> que<sub>1/\*2</sub> estaba<sub>1/\*2</sub> en el balcón]]

30 b. John saw [<sub>SC</sub> [<sub>DP</sub> the maid<sub>1</sub> of the actress<sub>2</sub>] [<sub>VP</sub> standing<sub>1/\*2</sub> on the balcony]].

31 The relevance of PRs for RC-attachment comes from the fact that the PR reading is incom-  
32 patible with LA: the highest NP is the only accessible subject for the embedded verb in this  
33 structure. Grillo & Costa observe a tight correspondence between PR-availability and attach-  
34 ment preference where HA is observed when PRs are available and LA when only RCs are  
35 available. To explain this pattern, they propose that, all else being equal, PRs are preferred by  
36 the parser over RCs for their simpler structure and interpretive properties. This proposal, dubbed  
37 the *PR-first Hypothesis* is supported by the reanalysis of previous findings and by novel results  
38 from languages that allow PRs (see below).

39 After providing a detailed overview of the PR-first Hypothesis and the data that support it we  
40 present two experiments testing a non PR-language, English, in order to: (1) determine whether  
41 these earlier results can alternatively be explained by the pragmatics of the predicates that allow  
42 PRs and, after failing to support such a pragmatic account, (2) test the generalizability and cross-  
43 linguistic nature of the grammatical claims made by *PR-first* in turning English, typically a LA

44 language, into a HA language through SC-availability (grammatically similar to PRs).

### 45 1.1. PR-first Hypothesis

46 ? and ? build on the observation that PRs are both structurally and interpretively simpler than  
47 RCs. Structurally, PRs (being SCs) have an impoverished internal structure when compared to  
48 RCs: e.g. Tense is anaphoric in PRs but deictic in RCs. Interpretively, PRs provide information  
49 relevant to the matrix event (i.e. what is perceived), and are thus preferred following *Relativized*  
50 *Relevance* (??). Moreover, PRs carry fewer unsupported presuppositions than RCs, as they do  
51 not require a contrast set (??).

52 On the basis of these observations, Grillo and Costa propose the *PR-first Hypothesis*, which  
53 states that PRs should be preferred by the parser over RCs. Given that HA is obligatory with  
54 PRs, we should expect to observe HA to be more frequent in languages and structures that allow  
55 PRs and LA with unambiguous RC readings.<sup>2</sup>

56 Support for these predictions comes from both reanalysis of previous results from the lit-  
57 erature, which shows an almost perfect correspondence between PR-availability and attachment  
58 preferences, and novel experimental results which directly manipulated PR-availability in a num-  
59 ber of PR-languages including Italian (?), French (?), Greek (?) and European Portuguese  
60 (????). PR-availability depends on a number of factors, but only a well-known restriction on  
61 the properties of the matrix verb is relevant to this paper (for full discussion see ?) .

62 Like eventive SCs in English, PRs denote events and need licensing via predicates that can  
63 take events as their complements, e.g. (semi)perceptual predicates, both verbal (*see*, *hear*) and  
64 nominal: (*picture of*). Stative/relational predicates (*work for*), and entity-denoting nominals  
65 (*house of*), can only select for entities/NPs, and thus do not license PRs or eventive SCs, but are

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<sup>2</sup>Provided that other factors (e.g. prosody, referentiality) are controlled for.

66 perfectly acceptable with RC-modified NPs.

67 In an offline questionnaire in Italian, Grillo and Costa compared attachment preferences in  
68 minimal pairs of sentences. The sentences contained either a PR-compatible verb, being ambigu-  
69 ous between a PR/RC interpretation (3-a), or a stative verb and only permitting an RC interpre-  
70 tation (3-b).

71 Contrary to (3-b), (3-a) is ambiguous between a PR-reading, in which the whole clause de-  
72 notes the direct perception of an event (*the grandma screaming*) and the RC reading, in which  
73 the matrix clause denotes the perception of an individual (*the grandma*) and the embedded clause  
74 denotes a modifier of either of the two NPs (*the unique grandma/girl that screamed*).

### 75 (3) Example stimuli from Experiment II (?)

#### 76 a. PR/RC CONDITION

77 Maria ha sentito la nonna della ragazza che gridava.

78 *M. heard the grandma of the girl that was screaming.*

#### 79 b. RC-ONLY CONDITION

80 Maria lavora con la nonna della ragazza che gridava.

81 *M. works with the grandma of the girl that was screaming.*

82 In line with the predictions of *PR-first*, the results show a strong preference for HA in the  
83 ambiguous PR/RC condition (78.6% HA) and a strong LA preference with unambiguous RCs  
84 (24.2% HA).

85 In this paper, we explore an alternative explanation for this result. The effects described above  
86 could equally be due to the predicate semantics, which covaries with PR-availability. Event-  
87 taking “PR-predicates” may simply favour HA for reasons other than PR-availability, namely

plausibility. Consider the extreme case of the PR-predicate ‘interrupt’ in “*John interrupted the maid of the actress that was talking*”. This sentence has a clear HA bias as the person interrupted (NP1) was reasonably also the person who was talking. A similar account could in principle explain the reported HA-bias with other PR-predicates like perceptual verbs. Modulation of RC-attachment through pragmatics was demonstrated by ?. More specific effects of matrix verb type in RC-attachment have recently been observed by ?, who showed that implicit causality verbs strongly influence RC-attachment: higher proportions of HA were observed with ‘detest’ as a matrix verb in the following contrast: *John detests/babysits the children of the musician who ...* when the RC provided an explanation for the state of affair described in the matrix clause. Taken together, these results justify testing an alternative, pragmatic account.

Importantly, a semantic/pragmatic account of the effect of Verb-Type observed by Grillo and Costa would predict the manipulation of perceptual vs. stative verbs to produce the same attachment distinction in English as has been observed in PR-languages. This was tested in Experiment 1.

## 2. Experiment 1: Verb-type effects

30 monolingual British English speakers participated in a timed questionnaire after giving their informed consent.

**Materials and Design** 24 sets of target sentences (4) were constructed, in a 2(*Predicate-Type*: SC-compatible vs. RC-only)\*2(*Environment*: Verbal vs. Nominal) Latin-square design with 70 unrelated fillers. The complex NP+RC was kept identical across conditions. Sentences in the verbal condition are translated from ?. Verbs in the SC-compatible condition were cognates of those used in the original Italian experiment. A few adaptations were necessary in the

110 RC-only condition when cognates were not available or would have generated non-natural sen-  
111 tences. Whenever a change of verb was necessary, we closely matched its semantic and syntactic  
112 properties to those of the original verb.<sup>3</sup> Contrasting Verbal and Nominal predicates, replicates  
113 design features of similar previous studies by ? and ?, and allows for a better evaluation of the  
114 effects of SC-availability across syntactic positions.

#### 115 (4) Stimuli

- 116 a. SC PREDICATE, VERBAL  
117 Kelly heard the grandma of the girl that was screaming.
- 118 b. RC-ONLY PREDICATE, VERBAL  
119 Kelly works with the grandma of the girl that was screaming.
- 120 c. SC PREDICATE, NOMINAL  
121 The sound of the grandma of the girl that was screaming is annoying.
- 122 d. RC-ONLY PREDICATE, NOMINAL  
123 The comb of the grandma of the girl that was screaming is black.

124 Stimuli were presented using Linger (<http://tedlab.mit.edu/dr/Linger/>) in soundproof booths  
125 in UCL. After each sentence, participants were prompted to select one of two alternative sen-  
126 tences (e.g. *the teacher sang/the boy sang*). Sentences were pseudo-randomized and the order of  
127 presentation of High/Low attachment choices was counterbalanced. See Appendix for full list of  
128 stimuli.

#### 129 2.0.1. Analysis

130 A mixed effects model computed on the attachment preferences, with *Predicate-Type* and  
131 *Environment* as fixed factors and *Subject* and *Item* as random factors, and random slopes for fixed  
132 effects and their interactions, showed a highly significant effect of Predicate-Type ( $p < .001$ ), with  
133 more HA preferences for event-taking than entity-taking predicates; no effect of Environment

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<sup>3</sup>The original study also included two psych-verbs (*hate/love*) in the RC-only condition. These verbs can in fact also introduce PR/SCs, albeit more marginally, and were thus avoided in the present study.

( $p=.6$ ) and no interaction ( $p=.2$ ).

	NP-RC	NP-SC	VP-RC	VP-SC
	28.4	32.5	19.5	37.2

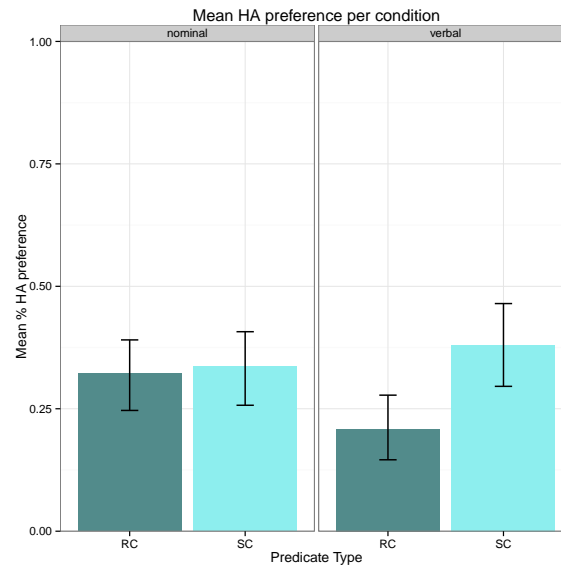


Figure 1: Mean HA preferences Experiment 1

contrast	coefficient	SE	z-value	p
Predicate-Type	0.7387	0.2183	3.384	0.000714 ***

Crucially, despite the boost in HA with the event-taking predicates, overall LA was still observed, as predicted by *PR-first* and in contrast to what was observed in Italian and other PR-languages. The strong LA preference with the entity-taking predicates, on the other hand, matches results in Italian with the same predicates. This is supported by the results of a mixed effect model with *Language* as fixed factor, which revealed a significant interaction between Verb-Type and Language ( $p<.001$ ). The Language effect is limited to perceptual verbs ( $p<.001$ ), and completely absent in the RC-only condition ( $p=.995$ ). The effect of Predicate-Type in English, which might be attributed to an increased plausibility of a HA continuation with perceptual



145 verbs, is of a significantly smaller magnitude than what was observed in Italian. The results are  
146 incompatible with a semantic/pragmatic account of previous findings in PR-languages.

147 Having established that plausibility alone cannot account for the results from Italian (and  
148 other PR-languages), in Experiment 2 we test whether the *PR-first Hypothesis* can be generalized  
149 to make predictions about non-PR languages by using reduced relative clauses in English, which  
150 provide an ambiguity between RC and SC interpretations, comparable to the PR/RC ambiguity.

151 The embedded gerund (5-a) (*screaming*) is ambiguous between a reduced-RC-reading and  
152 an eventive SC-reading. This ambiguity disappears in (5-b), where the embedded predicate can  
153 only be interpreted as a reduced-RC.

- 154 (5) a. Kelly heard the grandma of the girl screaming.  
155 b. Kelly works with the grandma of the girl screaming.

156 Following the rationale of *PR-first*, we would expect a clear preference for HA with (5-a),  
157 while an overall LA preference should still be observed with (5-b). To test this, Experiment 2  
158 modified the stimuli from Experiment 1 to generate reduced RCs.

### 159 2.1. Experiment 2: Testing SC-availability in English

160 This experiment generalizes the predictions of *PR-first* to English, by comparing attach-  
161 ment in ambiguous SC/Reduced-RC sentences (i.e., event-taking predicates) with unambiguous  
162 Reduced-RCs-only sentences (entity-taking predicates).

163 **Materials and Design** 30 native British-English speakers were tested with stimuli from  
164 Experiment 1 with the following change: we removed the complementizer and auxiliary of the  
165 relative clause to generate Reduced-RCs or SCs (depending on the predicate present). With

event-taking predicates the relevant string (*the x singing*) was globally ambiguous between an SC and a Reduced-RC-parse but only allowed a Reduced-RC reading under entity-taking predicates. We acknowledge that Reduced-RCs might not be the easiest structure to parse, but this cost should be independent of attachment. Contrary to Experiment 1, *PR-first* predicts overall HA with event-taking predicates, but LA with entity-taking predicates.

## 2.2. Results

The same analysis as in Experiment 1 was used. As predicted, we observed a HA preference in SC-compatible contexts (i.e. above 50%), and a strong LA preference in RC-only contexts.

	NP RC	NP SC	VP RC	VP SC
	13.8	56.1	21.1	55.5

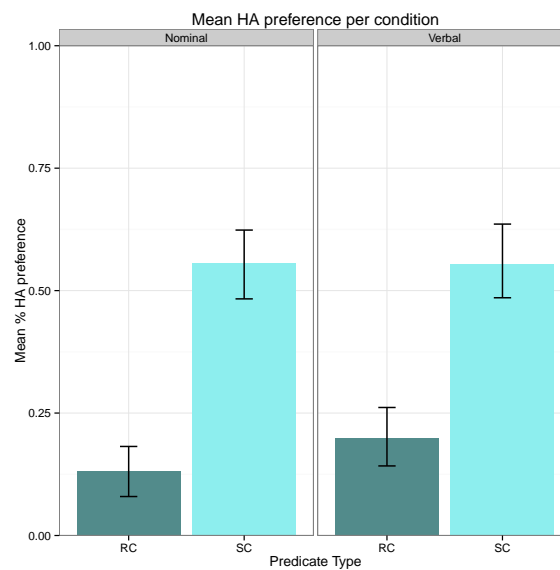


Figure 2: Mean HA preferences Experiment 2

A strongly significant effect of predicate-type ( $p < .0001$ ) was observed, with greater HA preference for event-taking than entity-taking predicates. There was no significant effect of environ-

177 ment ( $p=.5$ ) and no interaction between the two factors ( $p=.3$ ).

contrast	coefficient	SE	z-value	Pr(>  z  )
Predicate-Type	2.3894	0.3238	7.380	1.58e-13 ***

179 In order to provide a statistical test of the greater effect of grammar over predicate semantics,  
 180 we ran a mixed model logistic regression adding *Experiment* to *Predicate-type* and *Environment*  
 181 as fixed factors, with random slopes and intercepts fit for the fixed effects.

182 Besides a main effect of Predicate-Type ( $p<.001$ ), the analysis indicated both a significant  
 183 2way Predicate-Type\*Experiment interaction ( $p<.001$ ) and a 3way Predicate-type\*Environment\*Experiment  
 184 interaction ( $p<.05$ ). The 2way interaction is due to a higher proportion of HA in the PR-  
 185 compatible condition in Experiment 2 than 1. The 3way interaction is due to a significantly  
 186 higher proportion of HA in the nominal environment in Experiment 1 than 2 in the RC-only  
 187 condition. This effect might be attributed to the relative length of the RC in the two experiments  
 188 (longer RCs in Experiment 1 than 2), i.e. as an effect of implicit prosody. It has been demon-  
 189 strated that longer RCs display a stronger tendency for HA than shorter RCs (??, among others).  
 190 Notice, however, that the effect goes in the opposite direction with SC-compatible, event taking  
 191 predicates. We take this as evidence that *both* Prosody and PR/SC-availability are grammatical  
 192 factors involved in the resolution of attachment ambiguities.

contrast	coefficient	SE	z-value	Pr(>  z  )
Predicate-Type	1.50065	0.18544	8.092	5.85e-16 ***
Predicate-Type*Experiment	-1.55802	0.36040	-4.323	1.54e-05 ***
Predicate-Type*Environment*Experiment	1.25753	0.56927	2.209	0.0272 *

### 194 3. General Discussion

195 The best evidence to date in favour of *PR-first* comes from data contrasting RC-attachment  
 196 preferences under event-taking predicates (PR-compatible), which drive strong HA preference in

197 PR-languages, and entity-taking (RC-only) predicates, which, on the contrary, drive a strong LA  
198 preference in the same languages (? and work cited above). We pointed out that an exclusive  
199 pragmatic account of the attachment preferences is viable in principle, as PR-availability covaries  
200 with the semantic properties of the matrix verb. ? have already shown that properties of the  
201 matrix verb can play an important role in shaping attachment preferences. Implicit causality  
202 verbs trigger HA preference in languages in which a strong LA preference is generally observed  
203 (?).

204 Experiment 1 was designed to test this alternative account in a non-PR language, English,  
205 so as to avoid conflating the effect of the two factors. The experiment is a close replication  
206 of an Italian experiment (Experiment 2 in ?), which showed a strong attachment asymmetry  
207 between sentences containing event-taking (78.6% HA) vs. entity-taking predicates (24.2% HA).  
208 An additional manipulation was tested in English, nominal vs. verbal domain. Experiment  
209 1, however, did not replicate the findings from Italian: while predicate semantics appeared to  
210 play a minor modulatory role in attachment, a generalized LA preference was found across both  
211 conditions (nominal and verbal). This argues against the alternative pragmatic account.

212 Experiment 2 replicated Experiment 1, but used reduced RCs instead of full RCs. Reduced  
213 RCs under event-taking predicates demonstrate a similar type of grammatical ambiguity (SC vs.  
214 RC) as found in PR-languages (PR vs. RC). SC-availability leads to a change from LA to HA  
215 in English, mirroring the Italian results under PR-availability. SC-availability resulted in the  
216 same attachment effects across both nominal and verbal environments, which further shows the  
217 primacy of this factor in determining attachment preferences. A strong LA preference, which  
218 corresponds to the Italian results in the same environment, emerges in unambiguous RC-only  
219 contexts in both Experiment 1 and 2. These results further illustrate the strength of locality  
220 principles in attachment when SC-availability is controlled for.

221 Collectively, these and previous results from similar experiments on PR-languages, show that  
222 attachment preferences are not language dependent, but rely heavily on (universal) grammatical  
223 factors, such as the availability of an eventive SC interpretation (among other universal factors  
224 such as prosody and referentiality). The results advocate for a crucial role for syntactic structure  
225 above and beyond the semantic plausibility of HA with SC-predicates.

226 Finally, the results from Experiment 2 require that PR-first be framed in more general terms  
227 of eventive clauses rather than specific constructions (i.e. PRs). Likewise, there are no longer  
228 HA and LA languages, but grammatical environments that favour HA or LA. Crucially, parsing  
229 preferences are equivalent across languages.

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238 **Appendix A. Experimental Items**

239 List of stimuli for Experiment 1 and 2, material in parentheses (*that was*) was omitted in  
240 Experiment II. Mean % of HA is indicated for each item.

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242	<i>Sentences</i>	<i>Experiment 1/2</i>
243	1. a. Jim saw the son of the doctor (that was) having dinner.	55.5/75
244	b. The picture of the son of the doctor (that was) having dinner is old.	16.6/71.4
245	c. Jim shares the house with the son of the doctor (that was) having dinner.	16.6/12.5
246	d. The car of the son of the doctor (that was) having dinner is old.	28.5/14.2
247	2. a. Kelly heard the grandma of the girl (that was) screaming.	14.2/71.4
248	b. the sound of the grandma of the girl (that was) screaming is annoying.	22.2/50
249	c. Kelly works with the grandma of the girl (that was) screaming.	16.6/0
250	d. The comb of the grandma of the girl (that was) screaming is black.	0/12.5
251	3. a. John heard the teacher of the boy (that was) singing.	16.6/75
252	b. The film of the teacher of the boy (that was) singing is of low quality.	28.5/14.2
253	c. John runs with the teacher of the boy (that was) singing.	0/25
254	d. The jacket of the teacher of the boy (that was) singing is red.	0/0
255	4. a. The writer watched the aunt of the girl (that was) jumping.	16.6/71.4
256	b. The drawing of the aunt of the girl (that was) jumping is pretty.	16.6/12.5
257	c. The writer is married to the aunt of the girl (that was) jumping.	0/28.5
258	d. The house of the aunt of the girl (that was) jumping is pretty.	11.1/0
259	5. a. Mary listened to the daughter of the policeman (that was) talking.	55.5/50

260	b. The recording of the daughter of the policeman (that was) talking is funny.	33.3/57.1
261	c. Mary is employed by the daughter of policeman (that was) talking.	0/12.5
262	d. The dog of the daughter of the policeman (that was) talking is funny.	42.8/0
263	6. a. Mark observed the friend of the politician (that was) cooking.	42.8/28.5
264	b. The scene of the friend of the politician (that was) cooking is long.	33.3/62.5
265	c. Mark is engaged to the friend of politician (that was) cooking.	16.6/14.2
266	d. The boat of the friend of the politician (that was) cooking is long.	16.6/0
267	7. a. Jane caught the maid of the actress (that was) stealing.	50/87.5
268	b. The sight of the maid of the actress (that was) stealing is horrible.	42.8/100
269	c. Jane trains with the maid of the actress (that was) stealing.	11.1/25
270	d. The scarf of the maid of the actress (that was) stealing is horrible.	33.3/14.2
271	8. a. The lawyer caught the chauffeur of the neighbour (that was) swimming.	16.6/71.4
272	b. The video of the chauffeur of the neighbour (that was) swimming is boring.	0/62.5
273	c. The lawyer exercises with the chauffeur of neighbour (that was) swimming.	14.2/28.5
274	d. The dog of the chauffeur of the neighbour (that was) swimming is smelly.	66.6/12.5
275	9. a. David observed the son of the maid (that was) exercising.	44.4/62.5
276	b. The footage of the son of the maid (that was) exercising is missing.	33.3/71.4
277	c. Mary is divorced from the son of the maid (that was) exercising.	16.6/12.5
278	d. The wallet of the son of the maid (that was) exercising is missing.	57.1/14.2
279	10. a. Alan observed the nephew of the nurse (that was) eating.	28.5/42.8
280	b. The image of the nephew of the nurse that eating is amusing.	77.7/75
281	c. Alan relates to the nephew of the nurse that eating.	33.3/14.2

282	d. The life of the nephew of the nurse (that was) eating is amusing.	16.6/25
283	11. a. Peter photographed the co-worker of the butcher (that was) running.	33.3/25
284	b. The sound of the co-worker of the butcher (that was) running is disturbing.	57.1/85.7
285	c. Peter trains with the co-worker of the butcher (that was) running.	44.4/0
286	d. The moustache of the co-worker of the butcher (that was) running is disturbing.	50/14.2
287	12. a. Kate looked at the friend of the judge (that was) driving.	50/57.1
288	b. The recollection of the friend of the judge (that was) driving is fuzzy.	33.3/25
289	c. Kate is engaged to the friend of the judge (that was) driving.	14.2/14.2
290	d. The hair of the friend of the judge (that was) driving is fuzzy.	44.4/25
291	13. a. Lily imagined the friend of the flower girl (that was) working.	22.2/62.5
292	b. The noise of the friend of the flower girl (that was) working is unbearable.	16.6/71.4
293	c. Lily parties with the friend of the flower girl (that was) working.	0/12.5
294	d. The toothache of the friend of the flower girl (that was) working is unbearable.	14.2/28.5
295	14. a. Rachel dreamt of the friend of the brother (that was) drinking.	14.2/14.2
296	b. The scene of the friend of the brother (that was) drinking is sad.	55.5/37.5
297	c. Rachel is married to the friend of the brother (that was) drinking.	16.6/14.2
298	d. The office of the friend of the brother (that was) drinking messy.	16.6/12.5
299	15. a. David drew the grandson of the woman (that was) smoking.	0/12.5
300	b. The depiction of the grandson of the woman (that was) smoking is ugly.	14.2/42.8
301	c. David is employed by the grandson of woman (that was) smoking.	11.1/0
302	d. The watch of the grandson of the woman (that was) smoking is ugly.	16.6/0
303	16. a. Phillip filmed the agent of the player (that was) snoring.	66.6/71.4



304	b. The sound of the agent of the player (that was) snoring is terrible.	66.6/50
305	c. Phillip hangs out with the agent of the player (that was) snoring.	42.8/42.8
306	d. The t-shirt of the agent of the player (that was) snoring is terrible.	33.3/12.5
307	17. a. The fireman recorded the cousin of the lawyer (that was) whistling.	55.5/75
308	b. The portrayal of the cousin of the lawyer (that was) whistling is lovely.	50/57.1
309	c. The fireman is employed by the cousin of the lawyer (that was) whistling.	33.3/87.5
310	d. The smile of the cousin of the lawyer (that was) whistling is lovely.	14.2/28.5
311	18. a. Bob glanced at the friend of the shoemaker (that was) dancing.	42.8/28.5
312	b. The energy of the friend of the shoemaker (that was) dancing is amazing.	44.4/37.5
313	c. Bob is engaged to the friend of the shoemaker (that was) dancing.	50/14.2
314	d. The pool of the friend of the shoemaker (that was) dancing is amazing.	0/12.5
315	19. a. Sally photographed the stepson of the nurse (that was) studying.	33.3/62.5
316	b. The idea of the stepson of the nurse (that was) studying is surprising.	28.5/71.4
317	c. Sally collaborates with the stepson of the nurse (that was) studying.	55.5/12.5
318	d. The advice of the stepson of the nurse (that was) studying is surprising.	50/14.2
319	20. a. The singer watched the brother of the CEO (that was) bleeding.	50/85.7
320	b. The memory of the brother of the CEO (that was) bleeding is uncomfortable.	16.6/37.5
321	c. The singer studies with the brother of the CEO (that was) bleeding.	42.8/14.2
322	d. The couch of the brother of the CEO (that was) bleeding is uncomfortable.	44.4/25
323	21. a. The policeman filmed the friend of the sister (that was) sewing.	55.5/50
324	b. The vision of the friend of the sister (that was) sewing is boring.	33.3/57.1
325	c. The policeman is married to the friend of the sister (that was) sewing.	0/25

326	d. The work of the friend of the sister (that was) sewing is boring.	42.8/14.2
327	22. a. The architect imagined the sister of the colleague (that was) dancing.	28.5/42.8
328	b. The sight of the sister of the colleague (that was) dancing is extraordinary.	66.6/75
329	c. The architect is divorced from the sister of the colleague (that was) dancing.	16.6/28.5
330	d. The mansion of the sister of the colleague (that was) dancing is extraordinary.	0/25
331	23. a. David saw the teacher of the friend (that was) driving.	0/50
332	b. The film of the teacher of the friend (that was) driving is disturbing.	14.2/42.8
333	c. David parties with the teacher of the friend (that was) driving.	33.3/37.5
334	d. The book of the teacher of the friend (that was) driving is disturbing.	16.6/28.5
335	24. a. The neighbour listened to the son of the doorman (that was) singing.	33.3/71.4
336	b. The video of the son of the doorman (that was) singing is awful.	33.3/75
337	c. The neighbour attends university with the son of the doorman (that was) singing.	
338	28.5/28.5	
339	d. The car of the son of the doorman (that was) singing is ugly.	44.4/0