

Relationships and Perception

Information Letter



CLINICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES IN PSYCHOLOGY

INFORMATION SHEET

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This form describes a research study that is being conducted by Harry Reis and Karisa Lee, from the University of Rochester's Department of Clinical and Social Sciences in Psychology.

The purpose of this study is to learn more about how people think about their relationships and make perceptual judgments.

If you decide to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete one survey that will take about 15 minutes to complete. The survey will ask questions about your relationships and about perceptual judgments. We estimate that approximately 500 subjects will take part in this study.

Some of the questions may be upsetting or make you feel uncomfortable. You can skip any of the questions you do not want to answer. To protect the confidentiality of the data, data will be transmitted in an encrypted format (readable only to authorized personnel). There are not other expected risks. There are also no expected benefits.

You will not be paid for participating in this study. There will be no cost to you to participate in this study.

The University of Rochester makes every effort to keep the information collected from you private. In order to do so, URL and IP addresses will be deleted once recruitment is complete.

Additionally, email addresses are kept only for the ResearchMatch recruitment process, and are deleted as soon as recruitment is complete. Email addresses are not linked to subject data in any way. Results of the research may be presented at meetings or in publications, but your name will not be used.

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. You are free not to participate or to withdraw at any time, for whatever reason.

For more information or questions about this research you may call Karisa Lee at (585) 275-1021 and klee@psych.rochester.edu. Please contact the University of Rochester Research Subjects Review Board at 265 Crittenden Blvd., CU 420315, Rochester, NY 14642, Telephone (585) 276-0005 or (877) 449-4441 [insert country code (001) if applicable] for the following reasons:

- You wish to talk to someone other than the research staff about your rights as a research subject;
- To voice concerns about the research;
- To provide input concerning the research process;
- In the event the study staff could not be reached.

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Conditions

Instructions

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this study.

Please complete this questionnaire when you have about **15 minutes of uninterrupted time**, and have time to complete the whole thing **privately**.

Click "Next" below when you are ready to start the questionnaire.

Unresponsive

Relationship Recall Task

For the first part of the questionnaire, we are interested in how people think about their relationships and the world around them.

Please complete this question in regard to **your romantic relationship partner** if you are **currently involved in a romantic relationship**, or in regard to a **close friend** if you are **not currently involved in a romantic relationship**.

VALIDATION Min. answers = 10 (if answered)

Please describe **10 kind or considerate things** your relationship partner has done to help you **in the last 7 days**.

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Who did you write about?

- ☐ Close friend
- ☐ Romantic partner

Control

Relationship Recall Task

For the first part of the questionnaire, we are interested in how people think about their relationships and the world around them.

Please complete this next question in regard to **an acquaintance** you know a little bit, and **don't have strong feelings toward**, one way or the other.

VALIDATION Min. answers = 5 (if answered)

Please list **5 qualities or traits** that come to mind when you think about this person.

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Responsive

Relationship Recall Task

For the first part of the questionnaire, we are interested in how people think about their relationships and the world around them.

Please complete this question in regard to **your romantic relationship partner** if you are **currently involved in a romantic relationship**, or in regard to a **close friend** if you are **not currently involved in a romantic relationship**.

VALIDATION Min. answers = 2 (if answered)

Please describe **2 kind or considerate things** your relationship partner has done to help you **in the last 7 days**.

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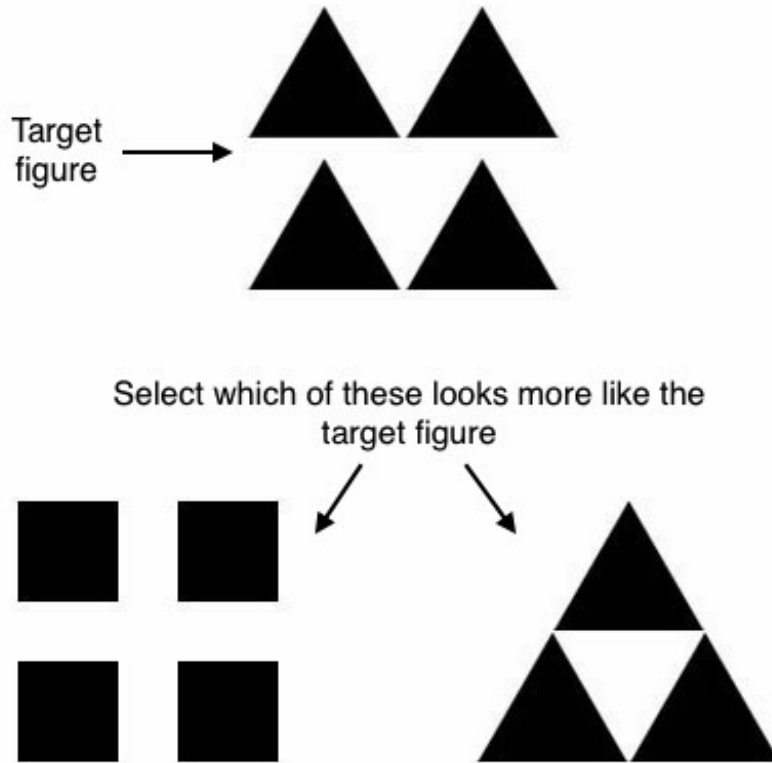
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Who did you write about?

- ☐ Close friend
- ☐ Romantic partner

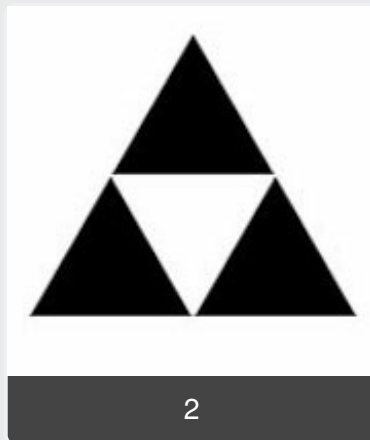
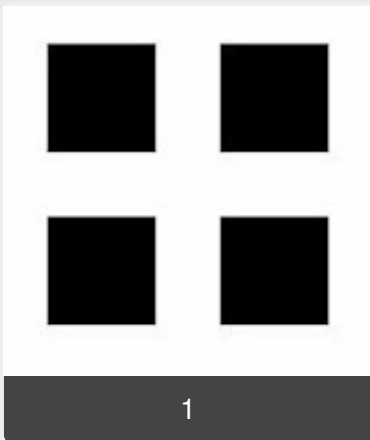
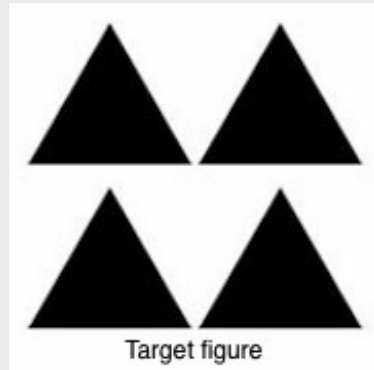
Global vs. Local Processing

For each of the figures you are given below, we want you to give your **first and most immediate impression** as to **which of the two comparison figures looks more like the target figure**. (There are no right or wrong answers). Below is an example.



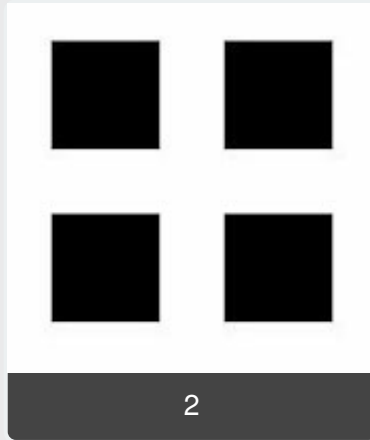
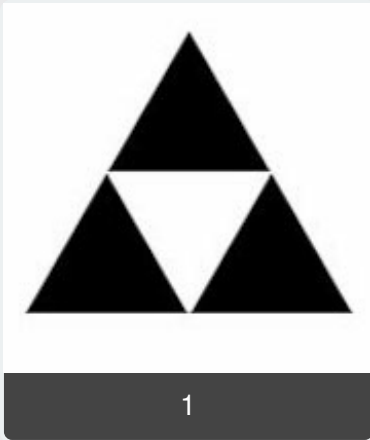
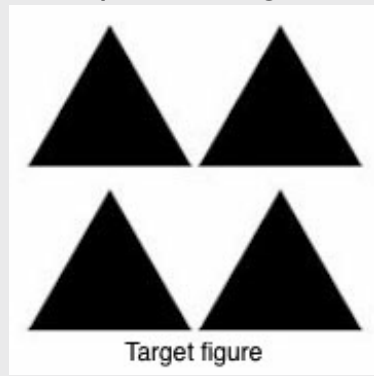
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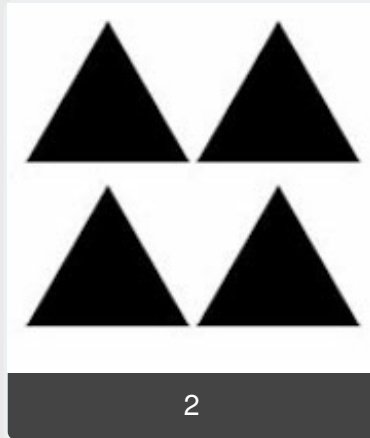
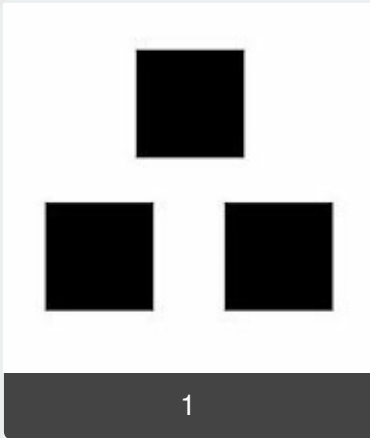
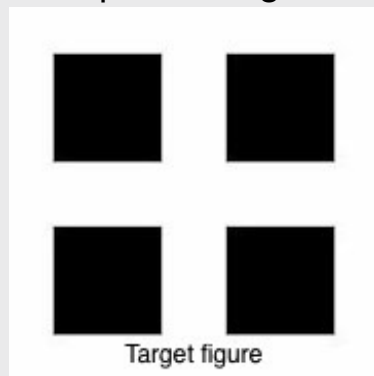


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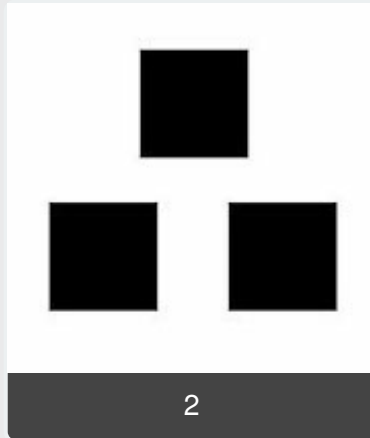
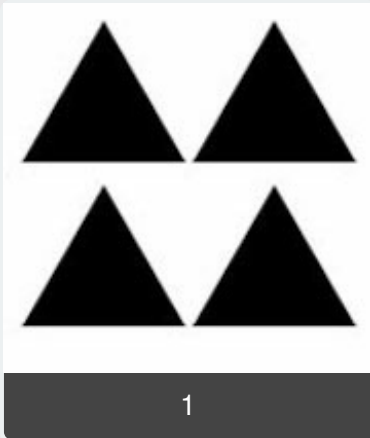
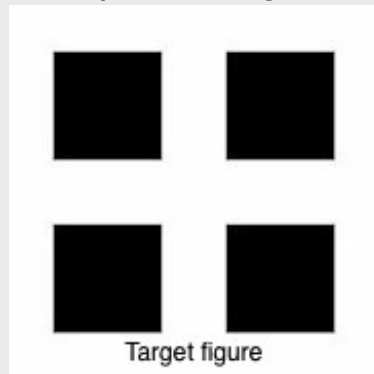
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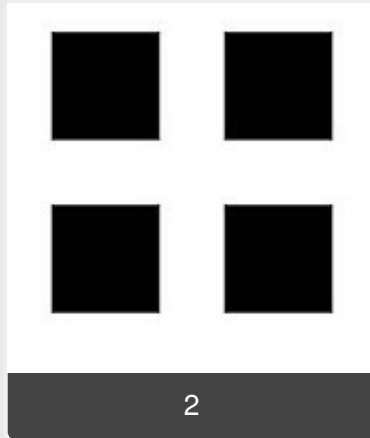
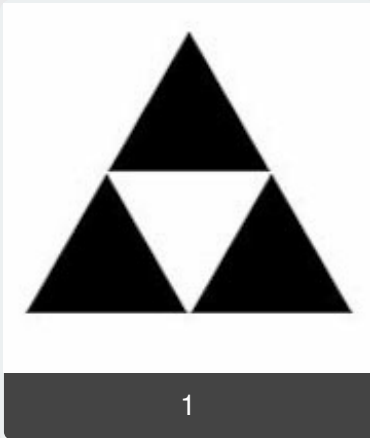
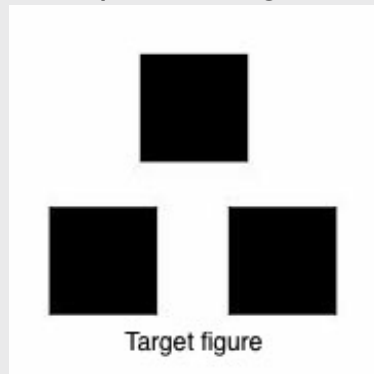


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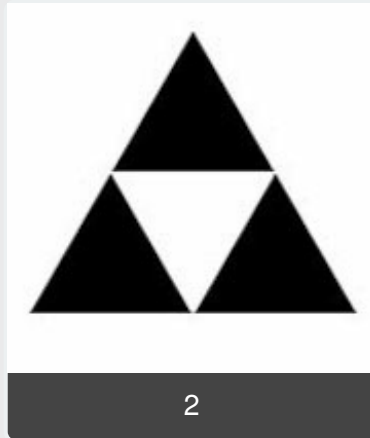
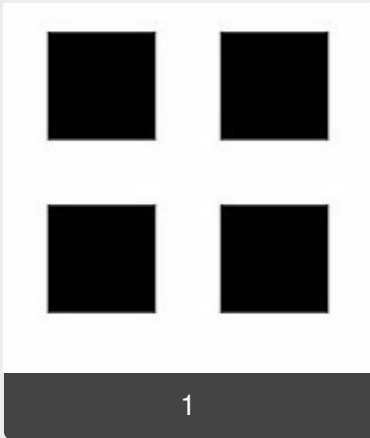
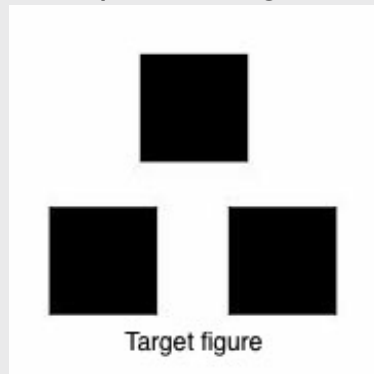
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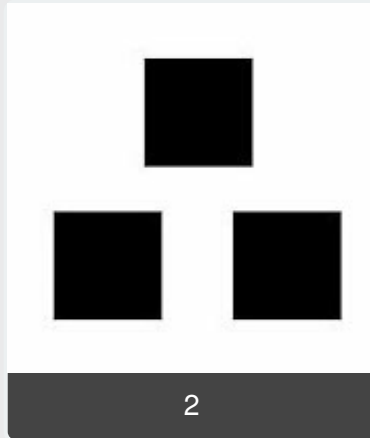
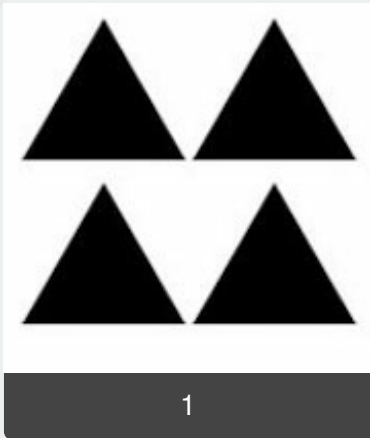
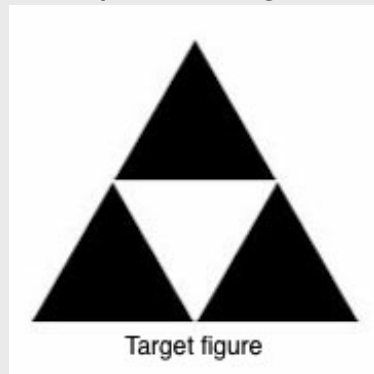
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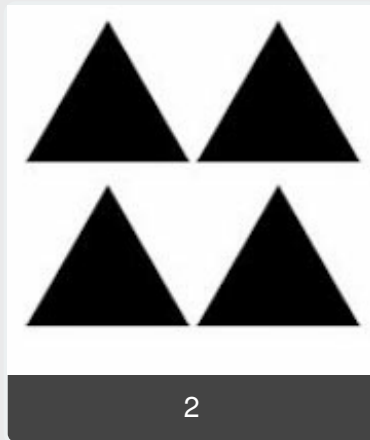
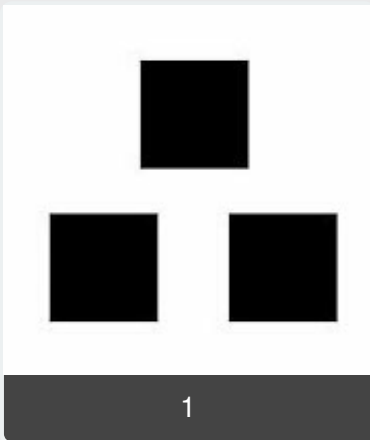
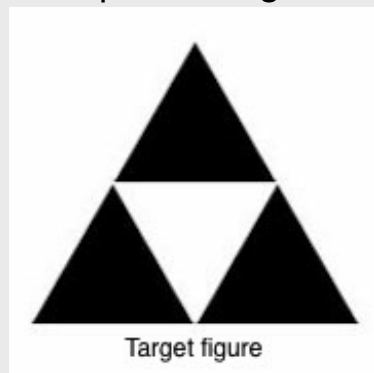
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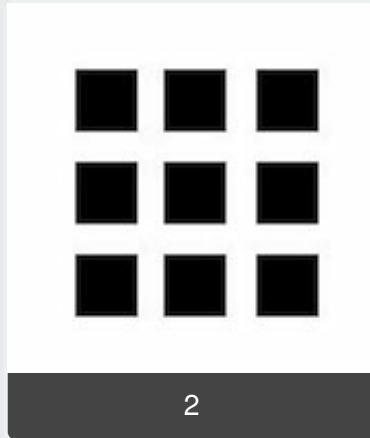
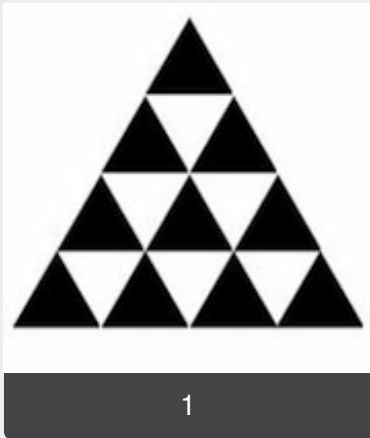
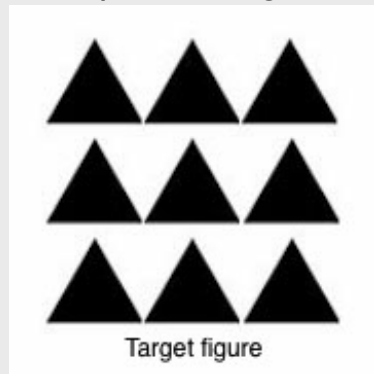
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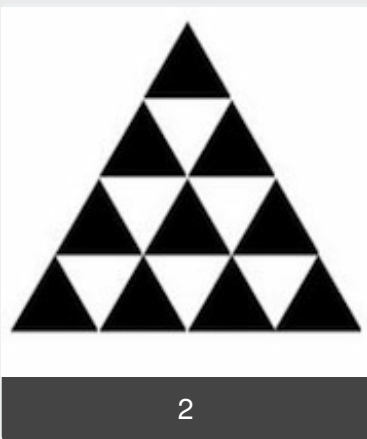
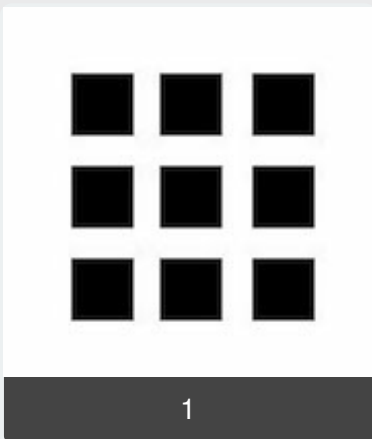
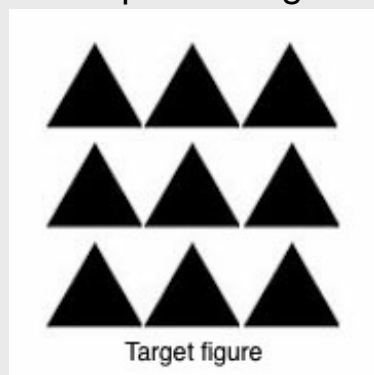
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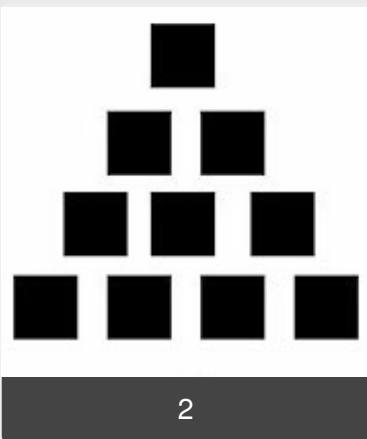
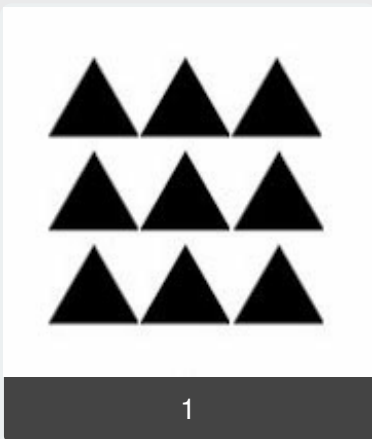
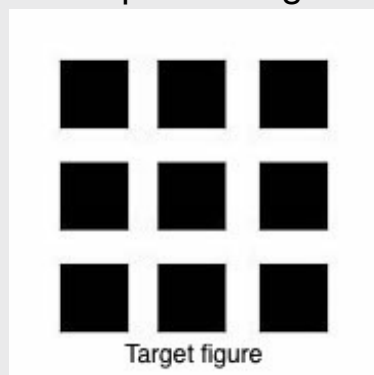
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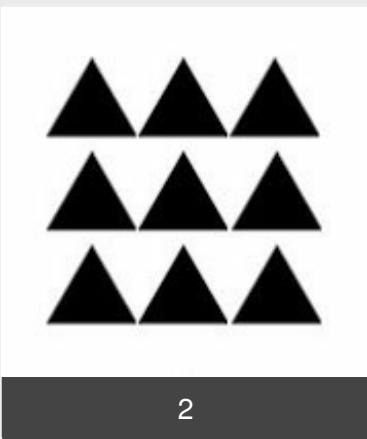
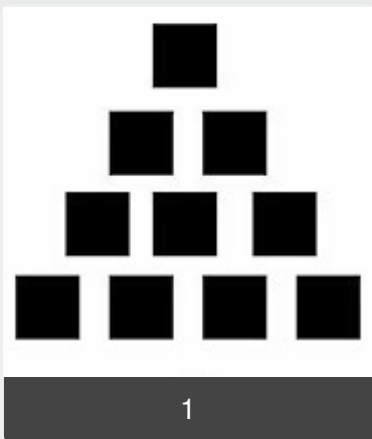
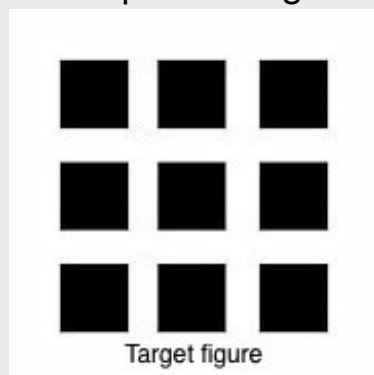


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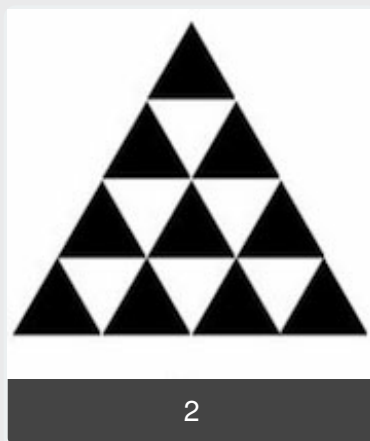
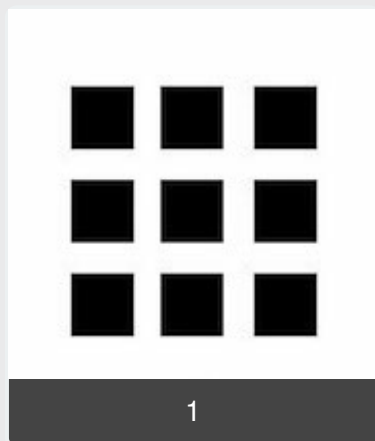
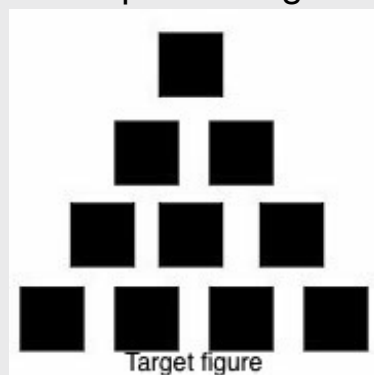
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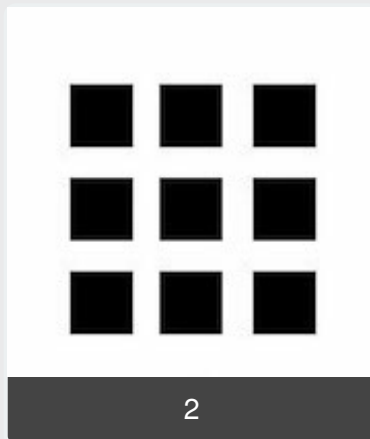
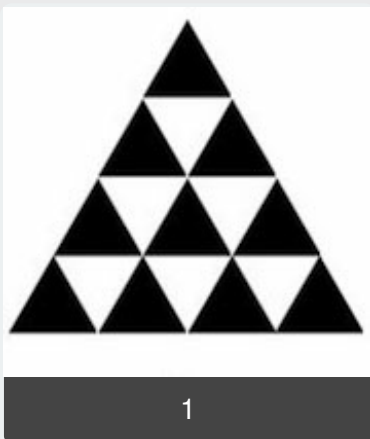
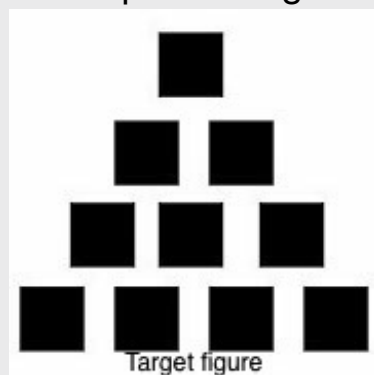


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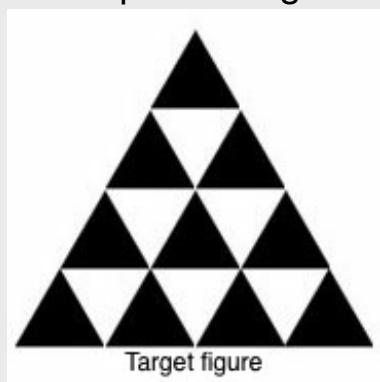
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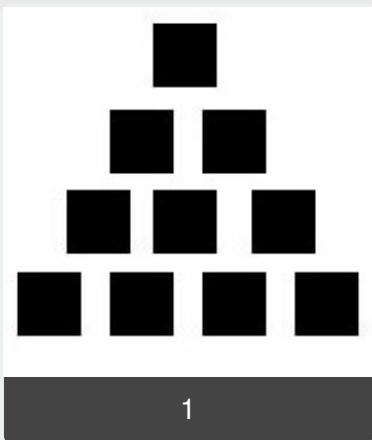


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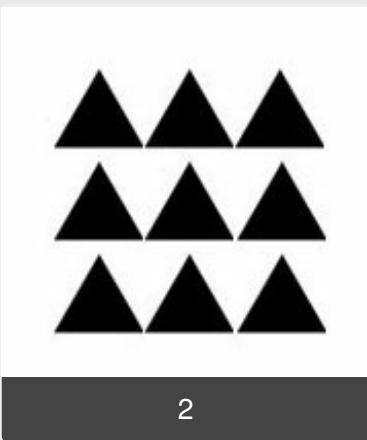
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Target figure

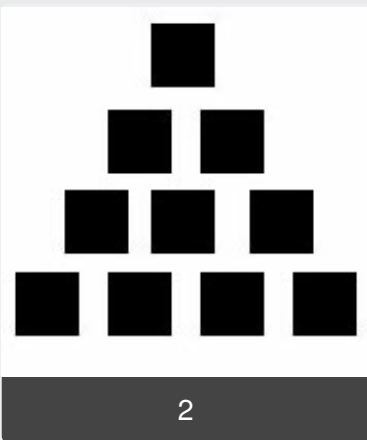
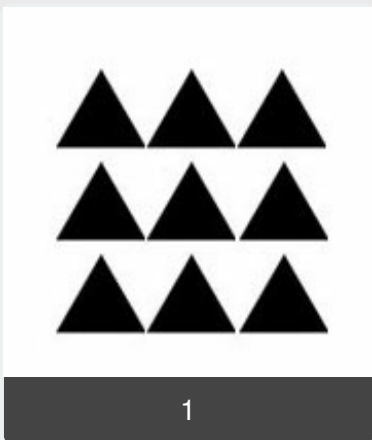
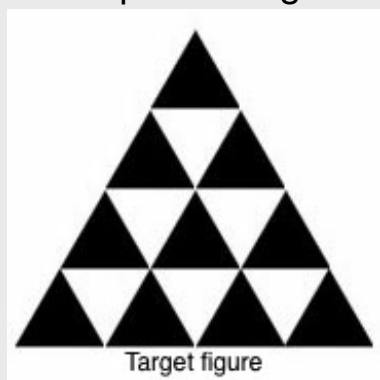


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16. Click on the comparison figure that looks more like the target figure:



Global/local questions

When you were doing the shape tasks, to what extent did you say that the shapes go together based on the overall similarity in the form of the pictures (for example, a square of triangles goes with a square of squares)?

- ☐ 0 | Not at all
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 | Half of the time
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10 | Always

Global/Local

When you were doing the shape tasks, to what extent did you match the shapes based on the individual elements in them (for example, a square of triangles goes with a triangle of triangles)?

- ☐ 0 | Not at all
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 | Half of the time
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10 | Always

[illegible]

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Most modern theories of decision making recognize the fact that decisions do not take place in a vacuum. Individual preferences and knowledge, along with situational variables can greatly impact the decision process. In order to facilitate our research on decision making we are interested in knowing certain factors about you, the decision maker. Specifically, we are interested in whether you actually take the time to read the directions. So, in order to demonstrate that you have read the instructions, please ignore the sports items below (i.e., do not check any of the items). Instead, simply type 'I read the instructions' in the space provided to the right of the "Other" option. Thank you very much.

Which of these activities do you engage in regularly?
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Skiing
- ☐ Soccer
- ☐ Snowboarding
- ☐ Running
- ☐ Hockey
- ☐ Football
- ☐ Swimming
- ☐ Tennis
- ☐ Basketball
- ☐ Bicycling
- ☐ Other

Great! Just a few more questions until you're finished.

Think back to the **very first part of the study**.

How **difficult** did you find the **Relationship Recall Task** (i.e., describing 10 kind or considerate things your partner has done to help you)?

Extremely Easy	Moderately Easy	Neutral	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
1	2	3	4	5
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Have you ever completed a task like this before?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Think back to the **very first part of the study**.

How **difficult** did you find the **Relationship Recall Task** (i.e., describing 2 kind or considerate things your partner has done to help you)?

Extremely Easy	Moderately Easy	Neutral	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
1	2	3	4	5
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Have you ever completed a task like this before?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Think back to the **very first part of the study**.

How **difficult** did you find the **Relationship Recall Task** (i.e., describing 5 qualities or traits of an acquaintance)?

Extremely

Easy

1

☐

Moderately

Easy

2

☐

Neutral

3

☐

Moderately

Difficult

4

☐

Extremely

Difficult

5

☐

Have you ever completed a task like this before?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What is your sex?

☐ Male

☐ Female

How much education have you completed?

Some high school

High school diploma

Some college

BA or BS degree

MA or MS degree

PhD, PsyD, DDS, MD, or Law degree

Please share any comments or suggestions you might have on this study below.

timespent **Action: Hidden Value**

Value: Populates with the **length of time** since the survey taker started the survey

Thank You!

Thank you for taking our survey. Your response is very important to us.