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## FALSE RECOGNITION IN RETARDED AND NORMAL SUBJECTS

### INTRODUCTION

The terms mental retardation or mental deficiency imply a deviation from normal learning ability. Several investigators (Penny, Seim, & Peters, 1968; Milgram, 1968; Luria, 1957) have suggested that one source of difference in learning between normal and retarded individuals is that the retardates show a lessened ability to use mediation. Mediation is often defined as a covert or implicit verbal response. For example Adams (1967) in discussing paired associate learning refers to mediation as the imposing of implicit verbal response chains between the stimulus and response. He goes on to state that this link may be a one word association or a more elaborate language sequence like a sentence. The present study was designed to investigate differences in implicit mediational responses of normal and retarded children.

Bousfield, Whitmarsh, and Danick (1958) distinguished between two types of implicit or covert responses made in the perception of a verbal stimulus. They defined the representational response (RR) as the response which was made to the stimulus item in the act of perceiving it and which represented that item. The second type of implicit response was referred to as the implicit associative response (IAR) and was assumed to be produced by the properties of the RR. The IAR might be another word which



had been associated with the stimulus in the past, e.g., the stimulus "dog" might arouse the IAR "cat".

Underwood (1965) hypothesized that if a word which was the assumed IAR to a word presented to a subject (S), later actually occurred in the list, S might falsely recognize that word as having occurred before due to confusion between the RR and the IAR. Underwood presented college students with a continuous recognition list and asked them to indicate whether each item had been heard earlier in the list. Embedded in his list were critical stimulus words (CS words) which were assumed to elicit specific IARs as determined by word association norms. The assumed IARs occurred later in the list as experimental words (E words). There were five types of CS words. For  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  words the assumed IAR was an antonym, the CS word being presented once for  $A_1$  words and three times for  $A_3$  words prior to the presentation of the E word. The remaining classes of CS words were converging associations (CV), e.g. bread as an E word to butter and crumb; superordinates (SO), e.g. tree as an E word to palm and elm; and sense impressions (SI), e.g. round as an E word to doughnut. Underwood found that for classes  $A_3$ , CV, and SO the number of false recognitions to E words was greater than to control words (C words) which had not been preceded by words for which they were IARs.

Wallace (1967) suggested that retardates had a weaker or less frequent occurrence of IARs than normal subjects and should thus show less difference in number of false recognitions between E and C words. He presented 100 words from Underwood's list aurally to 76 institutionalized retardates and 31 college students. The Ss were asked to circle yes or no on a sheet of paper depending on whether the word had or had not been read before. This task proved too difficult for many of the retarded subjects and 36 were discarded with analyses based on the remaining 40. Results indicated

that retarded as well as normal subjects had significantly more false recognitions to E than C words. Wallace also reported a significant interaction between class of S and type of word with the absolute difference in mean number of false positives to E and C words appearing considerably smaller for the retarded Ss than for the college Ss for all classes of E words but the S0 category.

Since the normals in the Wallace study differed from the retardates on IQ, mental age (MA), chronological age (CA), institutionalization, and number in the group in which they were run, it was not possible to determine which of these factors was important for the difference between the groups in amount of false recognition. The present study replicated the Wallace study while controlling CA, MA, institutionalization and number of S tested together in order to determine if the difference in performance between the two groups would still exist. Denny (1964) suggested that studies reporting mentally retarded Ss inferior to normal Ss on discrimination tasks might be partially explained by an attention deficit for retardates when not in a face-to-face with the experimenter (E) situation. Since Ss in Wallace's (1967) study were run in groups such an attention deficit might have contributed to his results. Therefore, subjects in the present study were tested individually.

Some specific predictions were made on the basis of theory about mental retardation and previous mediational studies with retardates. Since several writers (Kessler, 1966; Papania, 1954; Korstvedt, Stacy, & Reynolds, 1954) had suggested that the retardate was more concrete than the normal individual it was hypothesized that retarded Ss would give more false recognition responses than normals to words representing sense impressions

such as "red" when they were preceded in the list by a word with which they were usually associated such as "rose".

The clustering of conceptually related items in recall when the items have been presented in a random order is assumed to indicate the occurrence of some type of mediational process. Stedman (1963) compared matched MA normal and retarded Ss on a stimulus list containing words from various semantic categories and found that the two groups tended to cluster different types of words in free recall. For the normal Ss action of (e.g., dog barks), synonyms, and superordinates were the high clustering categories. The retardates clustered more on coordinates and contrast (opposites) which were the lowest clustering classes for the normals. Based on Stedman's results it was predicted that the retarded group would show a greater number of false recognitions to A<sub>1</sub> and A<sub>3</sub> words than to CV words. It was also hypothesized that retarded Ss might give more false positives than normals to CS words from the S0 category since these words are coordinates.

#### Method

Subjects. Subjects consisted of three groups of 30 children each drawn from the Midwest City-Del City Oklahoma School System. The first group (Group R) was composed of retarded children from special education classes. Subjects in this group had IQ's ranging from 58 to 75 with a mean of 68.27 and a standard deviation (SD) of 8.0 and mental ages ranging from 8 years 0 months to 10 years 5 months (mean MA = 8 years 9.4 months, S.D. 7.98 months). Chronological ages ranged from 10 years 11 months to 15 years 6 months (mean C = 159.2 months, S.D. = 15.4 months). Two Ss from Group R were discarded because of perservation of one response and

Table 1  
Critical Stimulus, Experimental, and Control Words

| Class          | CS words                              | E words | Position | C words |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| A <sub>1</sub> | Bottom                                | Top     | 57       | Down    |
|                | Give                                  | Take    | 67       | Good    |
|                | Day                                   | Night   | 85       | Low     |
|                | Man                                   | Woman   | 96       | Rich    |
| A <sub>3</sub> | Rough                                 | Smooth  | 77       | Weak    |
|                | False                                 | True    | 80       | Dirty   |
|                | Hard                                  | Soft    | 89       | Short   |
|                | Slow                                  | Fast    | 97       | Girl    |
| CV             | Butter, Crumb                         | Bread   | 64       | Bridge  |
|                | Sugar, Bitter, Candy                  | Sweet   | 74       | Salt    |
|                | Warm, Chill, Freeze, Frigid, Hot, Ice | Cold    | 76       | Cloud   |
|                | Dark, Heavy, Lamp, Match              | Light   | 88       | Leg     |
| S0             | Peach, Grape, Apple, Pear             | Fruit   | 79       | Cloth   |
|                | Robin, Sparrow, Bluejay, Canary       | Bird    | 95       | Flower  |
| SI             | Bandage, Chalk, Milk, Rice, Snow      | White   | 92       | Red     |

were replaced. The other two groups of subjects were children from regular classes with IQs above 90. Subjects in Group MA were matched to the retardates on the basis of mental age (Mean MA = 8 years 9.4 months, S.D. = 8 months) and those in Group CA were matched on the basis of chronological age (mean CA = 159.2 months, S.D. = 15.2 months). Differences were not more than 3 months and in most cases were less. In those instances where information on the occupation of the head of the household was available an attempt was made to match Ss on occupational level as given in Hollingshead's scale (Hollingshead, 1957). When occupational information was not available, Ss in various groups were drawn from the same school or a school in a district with families of a similar socioeconomic level.

Word List. The 100 word recognition list consisted of four types of words; 36 critical stimulus (CS) words assumed to elicit specific IARs, 15 experimental (E) words of the assumed IARs to the CS words, 15 control (C) words or words similar in kind to the E words but not preceded in the list by words for which they were IARs, and 21 filler (F) words presumed to be neutral with respect to all other words. The CS, E, and C words were those used by Wallace (1967) and appear in Table 1. There were five classes of CS words. Both classes  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  consisted of words for which the assumed IARs (E words) were antonyms of the CS word. The CS words for  $A_1$  items were presented only once prior to the corresponding E word while the  $A_3$  CS words occurred three times before presentation of their E words. Converging associations (CV) was the third class of CS words. The superordinate (SO) class was made up of specific instances of a category as CS words followed later by the category label as the E word. The final

type was sense impressions (SI) with the E word being a sense impression such as "white" which, according to normative data, was elicited frequently as an associate to a CS word such as "snow". The C words occurred two positions away from the corresponding E word and occurred before the E word half of the time and after the E word half the time. According to the Thorndike-Lorge General Count (1944) 13 of the CS words had a frequency of occurrence of over 100 times per million words, 8 occurred more than 50 times per million, and the remaining 15 occurred at a rate of less than 50 times per million. Thirteen of the E words had a frequency of over 100 per million words and two had a frequency count of over 50 times per million. The frequency for 12 of the C words was over 100 per million, two occurred more than 50 times per million words, and only one had a frequency count of less than 50. The 21 filler words were taken from the Palermo and Jenkins (1966) norms and were not associates to any of the other words. All but five of these words had a frequency of over 100 times per million words according to the Thorndike-Lorge general count (1944).

Procedure. The Ss were run individually. Each S was told that a list of words would be read to him and that he was to tell the experimenter whether or not each word had occurred previously by saying "yes" if he had heard the word read in the list before and "no" if he believed that the word had not been read before. The word list was read at a rate of one word every 10 seconds and was presented by a tape recorder. The number of each word was given before the word, and then the word was read twice in succession. A practice trial of 10 words unassociated to words in the recognition list was given. If the S said "yes" to the first one or two words on the practice list, suggesting that he did not fully

comprehend the instructions, the tape was stopped and S was told to say "yes" only if a word was read again as another number. This was necessary with some Ss from all groups. The recognition list was given following the completion of the practice trial. The response to each word was recorded by the experimenter. After the recognition task S was asked to respond to each CS word with the first word he thought of as a post hoc check on the assumed IARs. Word recognition sheets were scored for number of false recognitions to each of the five types of E words and their corresponding C words, for number of false recognitions to coordinates (CO) as indicated by positive responses to any of the "fruit" or "bird" words after the first had been presented, and for accurate identification of actual repetitions.

#### Results and Discussion

A one way analysis of variance (ANOVA) on the number of accurate recognitions of actual repetitions (R) revealed a significant group effect ( $F = 11.55$ ,  $df = 2/87$ ,  $p < .001$ ). The possible perfect score was 13, and Group CA showed the most accurate identification of repeated words with a mean score of 11.57 followed by Group MA with a mean of 10.30 and Group R with a mean of 8.73. A series of t-tests indicated that the means of all groups differed significantly from one another at the .025 level. These results are in accord with Wallace's (1967) findings that normals gave a more accurate performance than retardates. The difference between the two normal groups can probably be explained by the fact that the older group (Group CA) had more experience with learning tasks and tests. Another possible contributing factor to this difference may be that older subjects were more motivated to perform well on this type of task.

Table 2  
Means for Transformed Scores for the Various Classes of  
Experimental Words and the Corresponding Control Words

|          | $A_1$  | C      | $A_3$  | $\underline{C}$ | CV     | $\bar{C}$ |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------|
| Group R  | 1.2583 | 1.3137 | 1.2983 | 1.2453          | 1.3767 | 1.1950    |
| Group MA | 1.0457 | 1.0110 | 1.1423 | 1.0697          | 1.2293 | 1.0697    |
| Group CA | 1.1573 | 1.1957 | 1.2413 | 1.1013          | 1.4267 | 1.1013    |
|          | S0     | C1     | SI     | 1C              | Tot E  | Tot C     |
| Group R  | 1.1523 | .9607  | .8273  | .9127           | 5.9137 | 5.6363    |
| Group MA | 1.0290 | .8907  | .7250  | .8103           | 5.1720 | 4.8510    |
| Group CA | 1.0020 | .9830  | .7080  | .7933           | 5.5350 | 5.1740    |
|          | C0     |        |        |                 |        |           |
| Group R  | 1.470  |        |        |                 |        |           |
| Group MA | 1.215  |        |        |                 |        |           |
| Group CA | 1.030  |        |        |                 |        |           |

$A_1$  = antonyms presented once prior to the E word

$A_3$  = antonyms presented 3 times prior to the E word

CV = converging associates, e.g. "butter" and "crumb" prior to "bread"

S0 = superordinates such as "fruit" following "apple", "pear", etc.

SI = sense impressions, e.g., "white" following "snow", "milk", etc.

$A_1$ , C,  $A_3$ ,  $\underline{C}$ , CV, and  $\bar{C}$  each based on 4 words

S0 and C1 each based on two words

SI and 1C each based on 1 word

C0 based on 6 words



When number of false recognitions to the various types of E words and their corresponding C words were tabulated there were many zero scores and the means and standard deviations (SD) appeared to be correlated. Therefore, as in the Wallace (1967) study, the data was transformed by adding .5 to each score and then taking its square root. The means for all transformed scores appear in Table 2. A 3 x 2 repeated measures ANOVA for groups and type of word (E vs. C words, the repeated factor) resulted in a significant effect for type of word ( $F = 12.77$ ,  $df = 1/87$ ,  $p < .01$ ) with all groups giving more false recognitions to E than to C words. This significant effect is consistent with Wallace's (1967) results and lends support to the idea that IAR's did occur for retardates as well as for normals and were confused with RRs.

The main effect for groups and the interaction between groups and type of word did not reach significance at the .05 level although the groups effect did approach significance ( $F = 2.38$ ,  $df = 2/87$ ,  $p < .10$ ) with Group R giving the highest mean number of false recognitions to both E and C words followed by Group CA and then Group MA. These results are discrepant with those of Wallace who found a significant interaction between class of S and type of word using both original and transformed data. Wallace reported that the nature of the groups x type of word interaction was that the absolute difference between means of false recognitions to E and C words was considerably smaller for the retarded group than for the college group. In the present study the differences in mean false positives to E and C words increased successively from Group R to Group MA to Group CA. These differences between means thus follow the same pattern as those in the Wallace study although they are much smaller. While in the present study retarded Ss responded with a greater number of false recognitions than did

normals to both E and C words, in the Wallace experiment the retarded Ss gave more positive responses to C words than did the normals, and the normals gave the more positive responses to E words than retardates did.

Wallace's retarded and normal groups differed on a combination of factors including MA, CA, IQ, institutionalization, and number in group during testing. The normal groups in the present study were matched with the retarded group for MA or CA, all subjects were noninstitutionalized, and all subjects were tested individually. The discordant results between the two studies might be explained by the fact that there were more factors differentiating groups in the Wallace study. It is thus conceivable that it was the combination of factors working together which accounted for his significant interaction.

In addition to looking at the differences between means for E and C words a one way ANOVA was performed on the absolute differences in number of false alarms to E and C words for each subject. This analysis indicated that there were no significant differences between groups for this measure. However, while only 6 Ss in each of the normal groups gave more false recognitions to C than to E words, there were 11 Ss in the retarded group who did so. These figures suggest that proportionally there were more retardates than normals who failed to produce the assumed IARs.

Three classes of E words, classes  $A_1$ ,  $A_3$ , and CV, had 4 E words and 4 corresponding C words. A 3 x 6 repeated measures (class of word was the repeated factor) ANOVA on the transformed scores for these measures and their controls showed no significant group effect, but there were significant effects for class of word ( $F = 27.98$ ,  $df = 5/435$ ,  $p < .001$ ) and the interaction of groups x class of word ( $F = 3.24$ ,  $df = 10/435$ ,  $p < .01$ ). A series of Tukey's tests indicated that for all Ss combined there was no

significant difference in false recognition responses to  $A_1$  words and their corresponding C words, but there were significantly greater numbers of false recognitions to  $A_3$  words than to the appropriate C words ( $q = 5.75$ ,  $df = 6/435$ ,  $p < .05$ ) and to CV words than to their controls ( $q = 7.59$ ,  $df = 6/435$ ,  $p < .01$ ). The finding of significant E word-C word differences for classes  $A_3$  and CV but not for class  $A_1$  is consistent with the results of both Underwood (1965) and Wallace (1967) and lends support to the assumption that frequency of IAR arousal is an important factor in the production of false recognitions. The IARs for all classes except  $A_1$  were assumed to be elicited with a frequency greater than one.

A finding which appears peculiar to the present study was that there were significantly more false alarms to CV words than to  $A_3$  words ( $q = 7.59$ ,  $df = 6/435$ ,  $p < .01$ ). This difference is accounted for by the fact that when means for classes of E words and the corresponding C words were examined by Group  $A_3$  differed significantly from its controls for only Group CA ( $q = 5.18$ ,  $df = 6/145$ ,  $p < .05$ ) while CV differed significantly from its C words for all three groups (Group R  $q = 6.70$ ,  $p < .05$ ; Group MA  $q = 5.93$ ,  $p < .05$ ; Group CA  $q = 12.22$ ,  $p < .05$ ;  $df = 6/145$ ). False recognitions to  $A_3$  words thus appears to be an increasing function of mental age since the greatest number of positive responses was given by the normal CA group who had higher MAs than the other two groups.

It had been hypothesized that retarded Ss would produce more false recognitions to  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  words than to CV words. Not only were the differences between these means nonsignificant as indicated by Tukeys tests, but they varied in a direction opposite to that predicted with the mean for CV being largest. The prediction that retardates would show a greater tendency to respond falsely to  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  words was made on the basis of Stedman's (1963) results which indicated that in free recall retardates

tended to group opposites and coordinates more than any other classes of words. The present task was a recognition task instead of a free recall task and Jung (1968) has stated that different processes are operating in the two types of tasks. A free recall task requires S to reproduce the stimulus material without external cues while a recognition task does not, but in recognition S must be able to discriminate between correct items and distractors. Also Stedman's (1963) results involved the grouping of words which were all actually presented, and the measurement taken in the present study was of false recognitions to words not actually presented but assumed to occur as IARs to presented words.

A 3 x 2 repeated measures (type of word was the repeated factor) ANOVA for class S0 and the corresponding C words resulted in a significant effect for type of word with more false recognitions to E than to C words ( $F = 9.68$ ,  $df = 1/87$ ,  $p < .01$ ) but no significant effect for groups or the group x type of word interaction. Underwood (1965) found that college students gave more false positives to superordinates than to controls, but Wallace (1967) failed to replicate his results. The present results indicate that retardates as well as normals produced superordinates as IARs.

It had been predicted that retarded Ss would give more false recognitions to the SI word than would normals. Seven of the retardates did falsely recognize "white" while only one S in Group MA and none in Group CA did so. However, Ss in all groups gave more positive responses to the C word than to the SI word. The post hoc word association test revealed that in many cases "white" was not among the three most frequent responses to the CS words. Thus it may not have been elicited very often as an IAR. One word is not, of course, representative of the other possible E words representing sense impressions. Further study with more words of this type would be

needed to determine whether retardates and normals respond differentially to sense impression relationships.

A one way ANOVA for false recognitions to C0 words revealed the expected groups effect ( $F = 11.55$ ,  $df = 2/87$ ,  $p < .001$ ) with Group R giving more false positives than both Group MA ( $t = 2.66$ ,  $p < .01$ ) and Group CA ( $t = 4.81$ ,  $p < .005$ ).

The word association test for the CS words indicated that in the majority of cases the assumed IAR was among the three most frequent responses given to its CS. In many cases the assumed IAR was the primary response to the CS. As mentioned above it was only for the SI category that the assumed IARs did not occur with appreciable frequency in word association. Thus the word associations for the children in the present study appear to follow the same pattern as the adult norms from which Underwood constructed his list. The normal CA group tended to give the assumed IARs more in word association than did the other two groups which would be expected since they are older and therefore more likely to give responses similar to adult normals. Further study with lists constructed from children's norms is advisable although at present with the limited children's word association norms available it is difficult to find enough words representing different classes of E words yet unassociated with one another.

In summary the major finding of the present study was that for total E and C words there were significantly more false recognitions to E than to C words but no significant groups effect which lends support to the idea that retardates as well as normals produced the assumed IARs and had a tendency to confuse them with RRs. There was no significant interaction.

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**APPENDIX A**  
**PROSPECTUS**



## PROSPECTUS

### INTRODUCTION

The concept of mental retardation implies a deficit in ability to learn, and there have been many proposals as to what mechanism or mechanisms account for this deviation from normal learning. Theoretically any study seeking information on how and why the retardate's learning and cognitive processes differ from those of the normal subject offers a potential contribution in practical application. The more one knows about the learning and cognitive processes of the retardate and the ease with which he uses them, the more possible it becomes to tailor learning experiences to his specific needs.

Several writers (e.g., Rossi, 1962; Penny, Seim, & Peters, 1968; Milgram, 1968; Luria, 1957) have suggested that one of the ways in which the retarded individual differs from the normal subject is in a lessened ability to use mediation. Mediation is often conceptualized as a covert or implicit verbal response. The present study will attempt to investigate the occurrence of such implicit responses with a procedure seldom used with retardates. The procedure referred to is the method of false recognition which was introduced by Underwood (1965).

Underwood (1965) used a method of continuous recognition in which the subject (S) was presented aurally with a series of words and was requested to indicate whether or not each stimulus item had occurred earlier in the list. Previously Bousfield, Whitmarsh, and Danick (1958) had distinguished between two types of implicit or covert responses made in the act of perceiving a verbal unit. The representational response (RR)

was the response made to the stimulus item in the act of perceiving it. It represented the item. The second type of implicit response was referred to as an implicit associative response (IAR) and was assumed to be produced by the properties of the RR. The IAR might be another word which had been associated with the stimulus item in the past, e.g., the stimulus sugar might arouse the IAR sweet. Underwood hypothesized that if a word which was the assumed IAR to a word presented to S, later actually occurred in the list, S might falsely recognize that word as having occurred before due to confusion between the RR and the IAR.

Underwood employed a stimulus list containing five different types of critical stimulus words (CS words) which were assumed to elicit specific IARs. The assumed IARs occurred later in the list as experimental words (E words) and were known to be elicited with appreciable frequency as responses to their respective CS words according to word association norms. The A1 and A3 CS words consisted of words for which the E word or assumed IAR was an antonym for the CS word. The words for A1 appeared only once while the A3 words were presented three times prior to the occurrence of the corresponding E word. The third class of CS words consisted of converging associations (CV), e.g., bread as an E word for butter. The fourth class of CS words was superordinates (S0). Thus the CS words oak and elm might be followed after a time by the E word tree. The final type of CS word was the class of sense impressions (SI), e.g., the E word round following the CS doughnut.

The results of Underwood's study indicated that for classes A<sub>3</sub>, CV, and S0 the frequency of false recognitions for the E words was much greater than for control words (words assumed not to have been preceded in the list by words for which they were IARs) while there was no statistically

significant effect for the  $A_1$  and SI subclasses of E words. The fact that  $A_1$  words did not produce false recognitions beyond the number for control words was interpreted as indicating that frequency of IARs was a critical variable. The IARs for all other categories of CS words had presumably all been elicited with a frequency greater than one. While the IARs for the SI class had also been assumed to have been elicited a number of times because of elicitation by several CS words, the associative strength between the CS words of this class and the corresponding E words was not as great as for the other CS subclasses, and Underwood mentions this factor as a possible explanation of the failure of SI words to produce a significant number of false recognitions.

Before explaining how Underwood's procedure might be utilized in investigating mediational differences between retardates and normals it would seem useful to review the literature on false recognition to see what other variables have been associated with it. Many of the later studies like the Underwood study used primary associates from word association norms in determining assumed IARs. Jung and Weber (1968) criticized such a procedure and showed that the responses given in word association tests varied to a certain extent with administrative procedures. When all instances of a given category were presented consecutively for a blocked condition they found that fewer superordinates were given as associates compared to a nonblocked condition in which each set of five consecutive stimulus words consisted of one item from each category. These authors noted that it was possible that superordinates might have occurred frequently as IARs under the blocked presentation but the Ss were reluctant to give the same response repeatedly. They also reported that a

significantly greater number of superordinates were given as associates under a speeded condition in which Ss were told to respond as rapidly as possible than under a relaxed condition where such instructions were omitted. In spite of the fact that there is some error involved in using word association norms for predicting assumed IARs such norms would seem to remain the best estimates available at the present time.

Davis (1967) did a study intended to partially replicate Underwood's study (1965) but with the stimulus items presented visually rather than aurally and to investigate recognition memory for homophone pairs on the same kind of recognition memory task. There were eight categories of CS items. Categories  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  were made up of CS and E items taken from Underwood's list. Categories  $WW_1$  and  $WW_3$  consisted of word-word homophone pairs, e.g., steak-stake, whose first member was presented one or three times respectively. The final four categories were symbol-word homophone pairs whose members should elicit the same response ( $SW_1$ -S and  $SW_3$ -S) such as three-3 and pairs which should elicit different meaning responses ( $SW_1$ -D and  $SW_3$ -D), presented one and three times respectively) such as why-Y. As in Underwood's study Ss did falsely recognize words which were strong associates of words which had occurred earlier. Contrary to Underwood's results, however, there was no significant difference in the number of false recognitions to the E words for the  $A_1$  CS words and those for the  $A_3$  CS words. When members of a homophone pair had different meanings the number of false recognitions to the second member was not significantly greater than the number of false recognitions to control words (C words). When the symbol-word homophone pairs had identical meanings as well as auditory identity false recognition rates were high.

Wallace (1967a) attempted to demonstrate that false recognition could be produced by verbal habits acquired from paired-associates (PA) training. One group of Ss learned 12 A-B pairs and another learned 12 C-B pairs, i.e., the two groups had different stimulus words but common response words. Following PA training both groups received the same projector presented 100 word recognition list (RL) and were told to indicate whether or not each word had occurred earlier in RL. Each A word, the stimulus PA word for Group A-B, was presented twice in the first half of RL. In the second half of RL each primary normative associate (A') to A words and each B word from PA were presented along with some words which were actually repeated from the first half of the list (R) and some neutral (N) words, which appeared for the first time and were presumed neutral to the other words. There were significantly more false recognitions to B words than to A' words for Group A-B while more A' than B words were falsely identified as having previously occurred by Group C-B. Thus there was a significant interaction effect. Wallace interpreted these results as indicating that the learning of A-B associations in the laboratory by Group A-B resulted in the B words becoming dominant IARs to A words for that group.

In an investigation designed independently of Wallace's (1967a) study Norman and Hall (1971) also carried out an experiment intended to test whether the occurrence of false recognitions would extend to words which acquired their association through laboratory learning. Their procedure differed from that employed by Wallace. Norman and Hall had two groups, a relevant training group and an irrelevant training group, perform three successive tasks. The nature of Task 1 was the factor which distinguished

the two groups. For the relevant training group Task 1 consisted of learning a 12 item PA list to a criterion of 12 consecutive correct trials. Eight of these PA pairs consisted of a critical stimulus (CS) word as a stimulus and a neutral control word (C word) as a response. For the irrelevant training group Task 1 was the PA learning of a 7 pair list with each pair consisting of a 3 digit random number and 2 randomly selected letters. Task 2 for both groups consisted of the crossing out of all n's and p's on a sheet of randomized letters.

The third task for all Ss was a test of false recognition consisting of a 79 word list. Five types of words appeared in this list: (a) CS words from the relevant group's Task 1 (4 of these were presented once and 4 were presented three times); (b) C words which were the neutral words which had served as laboratory trained associates to CS words for the relevant training group; (c) E words, the most common associates to the CS words as measured by the Bousfield, Cohen, Whitmarsh, and Kincaid norms (1961); (d) F words, filler pairs from relevant Task 1; and (e) new filler words which were presented three times. When CS words were presented three times the relevant training group, which had learned the C words as PA associated to the CS words did falsely recognize the C words as frequently as the E words while for the irrelevant training group there was a significantly greater number of false recognitions to E than to C words ( $p < .05$ ).

At the same time as the above study Norman and Hall performed a second experiment which was designed to determine whether false recognition through a mediated chain could be demonstrated and also to study more systematically false recognition of common associates as a function of

the number of presentations of the stimulus word. As in Experiment I there was a relevant and an irrelevant training group which differed only in the nature of Task 1. For Task 1 the relevant training group learned a 12 item PA list to a criterion of 12 consecutive correct trials. The pairs were made up of neutral C words as the stimuli and CS words as the responses (or laboratory-induced IARs). The irrelevant training group had the same Task 1 as the corresponding group in Experiment 1. Task 2 was the same neutral task given to both groups in Experiment 1. Task 3 for both groups consisted of indicating for each word in a 200 item list whether it had appeared in the list before. The list consisted of: (a) 12 C words from Task 1, each presented three times; (b) 6 CS words from Task 1, which were presented once after their corresponding C words but before the E words associated with them (referred to as CS<sub>1</sub> words); 6 CS words from Task 1, which were presented after their corresponding C words and also after their E words (referred to as CS<sub>2</sub> words); (d) E<sub>1</sub> words, common associates to CS<sub>1</sub> words; (e) E<sub>2</sub> words, common associates to the CS<sub>2</sub> words; (f) new CS words (5 sets of 4 words each which were presented one, two, three, four, and five times; (g) new E words corresponding to the new CS words; and (h) filler words presented one, two, or three times.

A higher frequency of false recognitions to E<sub>2</sub> words for Ss in the relevant training group would presumably be indicative of mediated generalization since these E words followed their C words but preceded their CS words and the CS words had been learned as PA responses to the C words (C-->(IAR) CS<sub>2</sub>-->(IAR) E<sub>2</sub>). The number of false recognitions of E<sub>2</sub> words for the relevant and irrelevant training groups, 40 and 34 respectively, did not reach a statistically significant difference.

The recognition list also contained five sets of four E words which were preceded by their CS words and were used to study how the number of presentations of CS words affected false recognition. The number of false recognitions was 29, 47, 53, 99, 114, and 84 for E words whose corresponding CS words were presented 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 times respectively. The authors reported that tests for both linear and nonlinear trends were statistically significant with number of false recognitions appearing to be a continuous function of the number of presentations of the CS words although there was a leveling effect after three presentations. Hall and Kozloff (1970) presented results consistent with those above. They found that when CS words were presented 1, 3, 5, or 7 times false recognitions of associates first increased then decreased with the decrease also starting at 5 presentations.

A series of later studies by Wallace (1969) was designed to test further the idea that B words could become dominant IARs to A words through A-B PA learning. Experiment I (Exp. I) was essentially a replication of the study by Wallace (1967a). Two groups of Ss were given PA learning prior to RL. One group, Group A-B, received A-B pairs and the other group, Group C-B, received C-B pairs. The critical classes of words in RL were A, A', and B words. Each A word appeared twice in the first half of RL. The B responses in PA appeared once in the second half of RL. The subjects were instructed to indicate that they had seen a word before only if it had appeared in RL although PA words might be in the recognition list. Responses to A' words were not affected by the different conditions. There were significant differences between groups in mean number of false recognitions to B words; Group A-B 4.91, Group C-B 1.36, Group C .95



( $p < .01$ ) and to A words; Group A-B 2.95, Group C-B 1.64, Group C 1.45 ( $p < .05$ ). The author pointed out that between task confusion had apparently not all been eliminated since Group A-B made more errors to A words than any other group and was the only group which had received A words during PA learning.

Wallace then reasoned that if PA associative strength were indeed responsible for Group A-B's increased errors to B words, procedures designed to reduce A-B associative strength should result in a lower number of false recognitions to B. Experiment II (Exp. II) tested these predictions. It was hypothesized that learning an A-D PA list after A-B learning should result in unlearning of A-B associations and thus lead to a reduction of errors to B words on a subsequent recognition task. It was also predicted that errors to B words would be higher with higher original learning (OL) to A-B pairs. Four groups learned two PA lists prior to RL. Three of these groups represented the A-B, A-D paradigm and differed only in the degree of A-B learning. The fourth group, Group A-B', learned A-B pairs followed by A-B' pairs where B' words were natural language associated to B words.

Neither paradigm manipulation nor degree of original learning produced significant differences in false recognition rates to B words. There was no evidence for unlearning with the false recognition measure. In fact, the direction of differences in the absolute scores was opposite to the predicted direction. Wallace believed that there were two possible explanations for the failure to demonstrate unlearning with the false recognition measure. The first possibility was that ten practice trials with A-D pairs was not sufficient to weaken A-B associations enough to interfere with the occurrence of B as an IAR to A in RL. The second

possibility he mentioned was that the initial increase of errors to B following A-B PA learning was not due to specific A-B implicit associations but to something else.

Wallace noted one advantage given to the C-B group in Exp. I but not given to Group A-B. When the first B word appeared in RL it was the first "old" PA item for Group C-B. If the S in Group C-B recognized B words as PA items and was aware that none of them had been presented earlier in RL this could have been an added cue which aided in reducing errors to B words. Experiment III (Exp. III) eliminated such an added cue by employing a mixed PA list with both A-B and C-B pairs. It was hypothesized that if increased error rates to B words in Exp. I had been due to specific IAR associations there should be more errors to B words previously paired with A words. If the increased errors had been due to general PA-RL confusion, the increased errors should be equal for A-B and C-B pairs.

The mean number of false recognitions to B words for the PA groups were 2.58 for B words previously paired with A words and 2.22 for those previously paired with C words. The PA groups made significantly more errors to C-B B words and to A words than did a control group (C) which was given only RL. The absolute difference in errors to A-B B words and C-B B words although it did not quite reach significance was reported as consistent with the interpretation that at least part of the increased false recognition rate to B words following PA training might be due to A eliciting B as a specific IAR early in the recognition task. Because of the PA groups' high false recognition rate to B words paired with C words and to A words Wallace concluded that the bulk of error increase following PA learning was due to a general confusion between the two lists (PA and RL).

Wallace (1968) carried out an experiment designed to determine if instructions to learn primed the occurrence of IARs and thus increased the occurrence of false recognition responses. The stimulus list used consisted of 200 words of four different types; critical stimulus or CS words, experimental (E) words which were either the assumed IARs to CS words or formally similar to CS words, control (C) words for E words, and filler items. There were three classes of relations between CS words and their corresponding E word. Class A represented an antonym relationship, for class CV the CS and E words were converging associates, and for class FS the two sets of words were formally similar (e.g., dry and cry preceded try). There were three groups of Ss which differed in the treatment given to them during the first half of the stimulus list. The incidental learning group (Group INC) received no instructions to learn. This group was given an orienting task intended to insure that they respond to each word. The task consisted of writing down a single letter which if omitted from the word would have the least effect on its pronunciation. The other two groups were intentional learners who were instructed prior to the reading of the first 100 words to learn as many words as they could. Group INT-0 performed the letter-omission task while Group INT-U was given no orienting task.

The groups performing the orienting task made more errors to Class FS than to Classes A and CV, while the group not required to perform the orienting task made more errors to Classes A and CV, resulting in a significant interaction. The similarity between the performance of Group INT-0 and Group INC did not allow for a clear evaluation of the effect of instructions. The author stated that the conclusion dictated by his results

was that the absence of instructions to learn did not reduce IAR occurrence below the level to which it was reduced by performing the specific orienting task used. He suggested that since the orienting task directed Ss to the individual letters of the words it may have reduced the occurrence of meaningful and integrated RRs and IARs.

Several investigators have demonstrated that synonymity is also a basis for false recognition. Anisfeld and Knapp (1968) noted that in everyday conversations people often paraphrased and interpreted this fact as an indication that in coding information for memory individuals retain basically the semantic content. They hypothesized, therefore, that synonyms would produce more false recognitions than would control words. Their results, based on an aurally presented continuous recognition task, supported the experimental hypothesis.

Fillenbaum (1969) likewise found significantly more false recognition errors to synonyms than to control words. Fillenbaum compared frequency of false recognitions to antonyms, synonyms, and control words in an effort to resolve some theoretical questions about the way material was understood and stored for memory. Fillenbaum considered two possible explanations of why synonyms were falsely recognized as having already occurred in the Anisfeld and Knapp study (1968). The first explanation was that a word might be represented in memory by a set of attributes. If for some reason some of these features were lost, then a word such as a synonym which also had many of the same characteristics might be falsely identified as a previous item. The alternative explanation considered was that a word might be stored as a core concept rather than as a complex of attributes. In that case, a synonym would also tend to be falsely recognized more often than a control word since it embodied the same core concept. The crucial

test of the adequacy of the two theoretical positions was assumed to be the comparison of the number of false recognitions to synonyms and antonyms matched for associative strength to their preceding words. If explanation one were true and words were stored as feature complexes, antonyms as well as synonyms would be falsely recognized since for opposites all semantic markers except one would be the same. If words were stored as a basic concept, on the other hand, there should be less false recognition to antonyms as the essential meaning would be the opposite of the original stimulus.

There was no significant difference in the frequency with which false recognitions were made to antonyms and synonyms. The author interpreted these results as supporting the idea that words are stored in memory in terms of some type of attribute complex. Fillenbaum also reported a significant difference in number of false recognitions to the antonyms matched for associative strength with the synonyms and antonyms of lower associative strength, which suggests that the strength of associative relationship between CS and E items is a factor determining amount of false recognition.

A third study focusing on the effect of synonymity in producing false recognition was carried out by Grossman and Eagle (1970) who discovered a methodological error in the Anisfeld and Knapp (1968) procedure which they felt cast serious doubt on the results of that study. The error referred to was that the associates and synonyms compared were not only related to a previously presented stimulus word but often were also related to one another. It was, therefore, not possible to tell which semantic relationship affected false recognition. Indeed, it was possible that the false recognitions occurring were the result of the combination of factors.

A major purpose of the Grossman and Eagle study (1970) was to investigate the relative roles of synonymity, antonymity, and associative relationships while at the same time attempting to control for a confounding of these factors by using stimulus words having a relationship to only one related word. Additional purposes for the study were to investigate the relationship of associative strength between presented and subsequent words and number of false recognitions and to study the effects of attentional conditions on the kinds of false recognition responses made. Two experiments were run. In Experiment I (Exp. I) the stimulus list was presented separately from the recognition list. There were four different groups of Ss, each group given a different attention condition. Group 1 received both the stimulus and the recognition lists under normal focal attention conditions. Group 2 was given the stimulus list under focal attention conditions but received the recognition list under distraction. Group 3 was given both stimulus list under distraction and the recognition list under focal attention. The method of continuous recognition was used in Experiment II (Exp. II). The critical stimulus words and experimental words were those used in Exp. I. The words were presented under normal focal attention only.

The data from Exp. I indicated that there were no significant interactions between attention group and type of false recognition response. The same pattern of false recognition responses was shown by the groups separately or combined. In both experiments there were a significant number of false recognition responses to synonyms and common associates but not to antonyms. Spearman rank correlations between number of false recognitions to synonyms, antonyms, and associates and their strength of

association to the stimulus words were not statistically significant and were slightly negative rather than positive. It was also reported that there were no significant differences between male and female Ss on number of false recognition responses.

There was one group of investigators who failed to find a significant false alarm rate for synonyms. Mandler, Pearlstone, and Koopmans (1969) in a series of experiments designed to investigate the effects of organization and semantic similarity on recall and recognition reported that the presence of synonyms in a recognition list had no effect on the number of false recognitions. The authors interpreted these results as indicative that perceptual as well as semantic features were used in memory storage. There were several procedural differences between their studies and those reporting false recognition to synonyms which might account for the discrepancy of results. While the previously reported studies had used a brief exposure to an aurally presented list, the Mandler, Pearlstone, and Koopmans methodology involved sorting words printed on 3 x 5 inch cards a number of times. Not only was there a difference in exposure time and mode of presentation, but the possibility exists that the categorization task may have aided memory encoding. Although the use of synonym fillers did not produce an increase in false recognitions in the Mandler et al. study it was not entirely without effect. When synonym fillers rather than random fillers were present there was a decrease in the number of correctly identified old items. The authors suggested that the presence of synonyms as fillers lowered the Ss' confidence in identifying old items.

More recently Anisfeld(1970) raised the argument that requiring Ss to remember a list of words is not necessarily representative of the kind of memory demands the individual is faced with in everyday life. His major point was that language is generally used to communicate and that single words don't communicate much except in the context of answering questions. He then set out to investigate false recognition with what he considered to be the minimal propositional unit, the adjective noun phrase. Anisfeld's reasoning was that a phrase such as "black dress" makes an assertion about a dress. Subjects were presented with a preceding phrase (Pr), an antonymous associative phrase (A), a synonymous phrase (Sy), or a control phrase (C). The mean false recognition rate for the A and C categories were almost identical, but there was a significantly greater amount of false recognition to synonym phrases than to control phrases. Previous studies had found false recognitions to antonyms when single words were used. Anisfeld suggested that the different findings for words and phrases may be because a phrase asserts something and has a relatively clear and prescribed referential identity. It is therefore coded mainly for what it stands for and the synonymous phrases stand for essentially the same thing while the antonymous relations do not.

Hall (1969) did a study in which he made a direct investigation of the effect of related words on the confidence level with which Ss rated words old or new. Hall gave each of two groups of fifth graders two aurally presented word lists having either a two minute interval (SI) or a fifty-five minute interval (LI) between lists. When the second list was presented the S was told to decide if each word had occurred on List 1 and choose his response from four options; O=definitely old word, o=probably old,



n=probably new, and N=definitely new. List 2 contained 36 words, 13 of which were associates to CS words from List 1. There was a higher rate of false recognitions to E than to C words, but no significant effect for interlist interval nor for interaction of interlist interval and type of word. The proportion of "old" judgements made with high confidence was significantly related to type of word (mean proportion .80 for repeated or R words, .51 for E words, and .40 for C words  $p < .01$ ). The mean proportion of "new" judgements approached but did not reach statistical significance (.54, .58, and .72 for R, E, and C words respectively).

Hall, Sekular, and Cushman (1969) suggested another measure which might provide an estimate of IAR frequency. They used a two list visual recognition task, had Ss push a toggle switch in one direction for "new" and another direction for "old" and measured reaction time. They found that words actually repeated were judged old more quickly than falsely recognized E words ( $p < .01$ ) and that for words that were not falsely recognized C words were judged new more quickly than E words. Hall, Sekular, and Cushman believed that this added decision time was evidence for the occurrence of IARs, and therefore suggested that false recognition rate gives an underestimate of IAR occurrence. These investigators explained their results with a model which was a slight modification of a signal-detectability theory of recognition memory performance given by Parks (1966). The model assumed that when a word is given to a S it is accompanied by a registration of perceived familiarity. The distribution of the perceived frequency of R, C, and E words would be essentially the same before List 1 was presented. Following the presentation of List 1 there would be three partially overlapping distributions of perceived

frequency and that anything above that value will be judged old. The area of the C and E distributions which exceed the criterion value would determine the probability of false recognition.

As previously stated the Mandler, Pearlstone, and Koopmans (1969) results suggested that perceptual as well as semantic features are used in encoding material for memory storage. There are a few studies dealing directly with the effects of perceptual features such as phonetic or formal similarity on false recognition, either separately or in combination with other factors. Eagle and Ortof (1967) were interested in the question of whether reduced attention to a stimulus influenced the way in which that stimulus was coded and stored for memory. Subjects were required to listen to a list of words while carrying out a digit symbol coding task (distraction condition) or with no distraction and were then given a recognition task. It was predicted that if reduced attention blocked the analysis of stimulus input that a group receiving stimuli under distraction should show more clang associates in their recognition errors than a group given the words under focal attention. Each line in the recognition list contained eight words. Within each set of eight there were two subsets of four words; the related words which included the stimulus word, a medium associate, a distant associate, and a clang associate (a word acoustically similar to the stimulus word) and another set of control or unrelated words which consisted of an unrepresented stimulus, its medium, distant, and clang associates. For the distraction group there were significantly more clang errors made in the related than the unrelated category while the errors for the focal attention group were randomly distributed between the related and unrelated categories. These results supported the hypothesis that reduced attention blocks analysis as evidenced in a greater incidence of clang errors.

A second experiment was carried out in order to rule out the possibility that the above findings were a result of failure of perceptual discrimination rather than a memory phenomenon occurring subsequently to discrimination. During presentation of the stimulus list the tape was stopped at two points and S was requested to write down the last word presented. There were only four instances of misperception for the distraction group and in only one instance could the misperception be considered to be of the clang associate variety. There were six misperceptions for the focal attention group. As in Experiment I there were significantly more related than unrelated clang associate errors for the distraction group but not for the focal attention group. The authors noted that since the distraction group did not show a greater number of misperceptions than the focal group these results cannot be explained as an initial failure to perceptual discrimination. The differences they said must therefore reflect the way in which the items were stored in memory. It was suggested that because of distraction some words were stored primarily on the basis of assonance.

Anisfeld (1969) did a study designed to investigate the effects of semantic and phonetic relations on false recognition under two presentation rates of two and five seconds. The semantically related words (s words) were mostly antonyms and converging associates and the phonetically related words rhymed with the critical stimulus words. The two presentation rate conditions did not differ in the total number of errors to semantically related and rhymed words. The author pointed out that the failure to find a difference between the two conditions does not necessarily mean that the time factor plays no role in this kind of recognition task. He suggested

that it is possible that Ss in the five second group did not make use of the extra time available in a task relevant way. Both semantic and phonetic relations produced a greater number of false recognitions than did control words. Wallace (1968) had found no false recognition for phonetically related words under conditions of focal attention. A possible explanation for the contradictory results may have been the amount of time between the critical stimuli and the E words, which was greater for the Wallace study. Anisfeld (1969) suggested that the phonetic traces may fade more rapidly than the semantic traces.

Underwood and Freund (1968) suggested that recognition learning might be interpreted in terms of the frequency theory used by Ekstrand, Wallace, and Underwood (1966) to explain verbal discrimination learning. It was assumed that at least for some Ss there would be an IAR for some words, e.g., the IAR blue might occur to the stimulus sky. Underwood and Freund pointed out that in a certain sense the IAR on the learning trial acts as an interpolated word which also has situational frequency. Therefore, if the IAR or interpolated word was included on the recognition test along with a neutral word, more errors should involve the interpolated word. Underwood and Freund employed a procedure which forced some Ss to produce IARs explicitly. There were four groups of Ss. Group I was given a list of 40 critical stimulus (CR) words and pronounced each word as it appeared. An immediate recognition test was given. The Ss in Group F were forced to pronounce not only the CR but a word appearing to the right of the CR word, although they were instructed that they would be tested only for CR words. Group F also received an immediate recognition test. There were four subgroups in Group F differing in adjacent words. In each subgroup

for 10 CR words the adjacent words were A words (high associates), for 10 they were N words (neutral words), for 10 F words (formally similar usually clang associates), and for 10 numbers. There were four sublists so that across Ss each CR word had appeared with all four kinds of adjacent items. Adjacent items were printed in lower case letters while CR words were in capital letters. Group D was given the same treatment as Group I except that the recognition test was delayed for 24 hours. Group FL-D was treated the same as Group D but in addition to the delayed recognition test received a free-recall test immediately following the learning trial. All Ss received the same recognition test consisting of 40 sets of four words each. Each set of four contains a CR word, an A word, an N word, and a F word. During the recognition test the S was asked to rate his confidence in his decision on a five point scale.

For Group I the A words were responsible for the greatest number of errors with the number of errors to N and F words about the same. The A words again accounted for the greatest number of errors in Group F, but there were also appreciably more false recognitions to F words than to N words. The type of adjacent item appeared to determine the maximum frequency of a given type of error which gave some support to the frequency theory discrimination explanation of recognition. When the A word was the adjacent word nearly 80% of the errors were to A words, when the adjacent word was the F word 70% of the errors were to F words, and when the adjacent item was an N word approximately 55% of the errors were to N words. With the numbers of irrelevant adjacent items the greatest number of errors were to A words with only slightly less to F words. The fact that

acoustical or formal similarity produced results similar to those produced by high associates only when an adjacent response was forced was interpreted as indicative that in the normal learning situation words are not remembered primarily for their formal properties. Confidence ratings were always higher when an associate was chosen as an error than when other alternatives were chosen and the authors believed this was indicative that the S had limited his choice to one or two alternative responses. The delayed recognition test resulted in 24% forgetting.

In summary, many stimulus variables have been investigated in relation to false recognition of associates to critical stimulus words. False recognition has been shown to occur to antonyms (Underwood, 1965; Davis, 1967; Fillenbaum, 1969; Anisfeld, 1969), converging associates (Underwood, 1965; Anisfeld, 1969), homophone pairs with identical meaning (Davis, 1969), and synonyms (Anisfeld & Knapp, 1968; Fillenbaum, 1969; Grossman & Eagle, 1970). Mandler, Pearlstone, and Koopmans (1969) failed to find a significant false recognition rate to synonyms, but this might have been due to a number of procedural differences between their studies and the other studies. Anisfeld (1970) demonstrated a significant number of false recognitions to synonym phrases but not to antonym phrases and speculated that the coding processes for communicative phrases was different from that for single words. Phonetically related or rhymed words have also evoked false recognitions (Anisfeld, 1969; Eagle & Ortoft, 1967). Eagle and Ortoft (1967) found that a significant number of clang associate errors occurred for a distraction group but not for a focal attention group and postulated that distraction led to a reduced analysis of stimuli and a tendency to storage on the basis of assonance. Some disagreement exists as to the effect of associative strength between CS and E words on false alarm rate.

Investigations have also focused on procedural variables and how they might affect false recognition rate. False recognition has been shown to occur with both aural presentation (Underwood, 1965) and visual presentation (Davis, 1967). False recognition has also been produced by laboratory acquired associates (Wallace, 1967a; Norman & Hall, 1971; Wallace, 1969), although Wallace (1969) demonstrated that a large part of the increased false recognition rate was due to general confusion between the paired associate list and the recognition list. The results of two studies (Hall & Kozloff, 1970; Norman & Hall, 1971) indicate that as the number of CS presentation increases the number of false recognitions first increases then levels off or decreases with the decrease beginning at about 5 presentations. Anisfeld (1969) reported no difference in number of false recognitions under a 2 or 5 second presentation rate. No differences in false recognitions to synonyms, antonyms, and common associates were noted between groups under conditions of either focal attention or distraction (Grossman & Eagle, 1970).

Only a few studies have investigated the relationship of false recognition to subject variables such as developmental level or mental retardation. Hall and Ware (1968) reported two studies in which false recognition procedures were employed to study IAR production in young children. The first experiment was designed to determine whether the false recognition phenomenon reported for adults was reproducible with young children. A 16 word list was presented aurally to 86 children ranging in age from five to seven years of age. Ss were run individually and instructed to repeat each word and to try to remember the words. After fifteen minutes a 24-word list was presented and S was asked to identify the words which had occurred in the first list. Experimental words (E words)

were strong natural-language associates to CS words on the free-learning (FL) list but had not appeared in FL themselves. The rate of false recognition to E words was more than twice that to C words. There was no significant relation of either sex or age to false recognition rate, but the absence of age differences was not interpreted to mean that IAR produced false recognition was independent of age since sampling from the age levels was not random and there was reason to suspect the presence of a bias.

Experiment II was conducted to investigate (a) the modifiability of IARs by preliminary PA training and (b) age differences in IAR produced false recognition. There were two groups of Ss, five and six year olds who had just completed kindergarten and eight and nine year olds who had just completed third grade. Each S was given a FL list followed by a recognition list as in Exp. I. Prior to FL, however, all Ss were given PA training with six pairs of words, with low within- and between-pair associations. There were seven conditions of words in the recognition list, three words per condition. BE words had occurred as responses in PA learning and their PA stimuli were presented in FL. BC words had also occurred in PA but their stimuli did not occur in FL. A'E<sub>1</sub> words were natural-language associates of the PA stimuli that appeared in FL. A'C words were natural-language associates of PA stimuli that did not appear in FL. A'E<sub>2</sub> words were natural-language associates of the words that appeared in FL but not in the PA list. C words had not occurred earlier and were not associates of any of the words that occurred earlier, and R words actually had occurred in FL. Several hypotheses were made. First it was predicted that if PA training resulted in the establishment of PA responses as IARs there should be more false recognitions to BE words



(PA stimuli) than to BC words. Second if natural language associates (A'E<sub>1</sub> words) were temporarily extinguished during PA then presentation of the PA stimuli in FL would not elicit A'E<sub>1</sub> as IARs and false recognition to these words would be reduced. Third if IARs were occurring during FL, A'E<sub>2</sub> words would be falsely recognized more often than would C words. Fourth it was expected that older children would show more false recognitions than would younger children since mediational processes apparently increase with age. An analysis of variance was performed to examine the main effects and interactions among (a) appearance of PA stimuli during FL, (b) type of associate (BE, A'E<sub>1</sub>, BC, A'C) and (c) grade level. The only significant F was for type of associate with more false recognitions of experimental (BE and BC) than of natural associates (A'E and A'C). The author interpreted these results as indicating that a number of Ss were unable to distinguish between a word occurring in PA or earlier in FL. They believed that neither natural nor experimental IARs occurred in FL at either age and suggest the possibility that PA training temporarily extinguished the usual IARs but was not sufficient to establish the PA responses as IARs during FL. The standard experimental and control conditions (A'E<sub>2</sub> vs C) at the two age levels were compared by analysis of variance. There were more false recognitions to A'E<sub>2</sub>. The interaction between condition and age was also significant indicating more IAR produced false recognitions for younger than older children. These results were opposite to the anticipated results. Instead of interpreting the results as indicative that IAR production decreases rather than increases with age the authors suggested that it was more plausible that the older children though producing as many or more IARs were better able

to discriminate between the previous occurrence of a word on the list and its previous occurrence as an IAR only.

Wallace (1967b) suggested that retardates have a weaker or less frequent occurrence of IARs and should thus show less difference than normals in number of false recognitions between words presumed to have occurred as IARs earlier in a list and words presumed not to have occurred as IARs. The recognition list consisted of 100 words from Underwood's (1965) 200 word list with the same five types of critical stimulus and E words: A<sub>1</sub> (antonyms appearing once prior to the presentation of the corresponding E words), A<sub>3</sub> (antonyms appearing three times), CV (converging associates), S<sub>0</sub> (superordinates), and SI (sense impressions). The subjects were 76 institutionalized retardates ranging in IQ from 39 to 80 and in age from 12.0 to 19.9 years and 31 college students. The Ss were run in groups; one large group for normals and several smaller groups of retardates. Each S was given three sheets of paper containing numbers from 1 to 100 with the words yes and no following each number. The Ss were told that they would hear a list of words and for each word they were to ask themselves if they had heard that word before. If the word had occurred for the first time they were to circle no and if it had been read before they were to circle yes. The words were presented by tape recorder at a ten second rate with each word spoken twice in succession and the number read before each word. Apparently the procedure was much too difficult for the retardates as data from 36 of the original 76 had to be discarded for failure to comprehend the instructions and analyses were based on the remaining 40 retardates. The retardates as well as the normals had significantly more false recognition to E than to C words. There was

also a significant interaction between class of S and type of word with the absolute difference in mean number of false recognitions to E and C words appearing considerably smaller for the retarded Ss than for the normal college Ss for all classes of E words but the S0 category. Wallace noted that the interaction suggested that retardates may have responded with fewer or weaker IARs than the normals or that they showed less RR-IAR confusion. Arvidson and Brown (1969), however, suggested that an alternative explanation in terms of Anisfeld and Knapp's (1969) concept of feature coding would be that retardates encode words differently than normals do.

Denny (1964) suggested that studies reporting mentally retarded Ss inferior to normals on discrimination tasks may be partially explained by an attention deficit for retardates when not in a face to face with the experimenter (E) situation. Since Ss in Wallace's (1967b) study were run in groups, such an attention deficit might have been a factor contributing to his results.

The normals in the Wallace study differed from the retardates on IQ, mental age (M.A.), chronological age (C.A.), institutionalization and number in group. It is thus not possible to determine which of these factors was important to the differences between the two groups in amount of false recognition. Denny (1964) suggested that in studies comparing normal and retarded Ss it is advisable to use two control groups, a normal group matched to the retarded group for M.A. and a normal group matched to the retarded group for C.A. in order to delineate whether a low M.A. - low IQ deficit or a low IQ deficit exists. A low M.A. - low IQ deficit refers to inferior learning performance for retarded as compared to matched C.A. normals, while a low IQ deficit refers to an inferior learning performance

related specifically to IQ and identified when retarded Ss are compared to normals of the same M.A. Goulet (1968) suggested that, in paired associate learning comparisons at least, whether or not a difference is found in the performance of normal and retarded Ss of equal M.A. seems to depend in part on whether or not the retardates are institutionalized. The present study will attempt to replicate the Wallace study with more adequate controls in order to determine if a difference in the performance of retardates and normals on a false recognition task will still exist when the above factors are controlled.

By looking at theory about mental retardation and at mediational studies with retardates it is possible to make some specific predictions. It has been suggested that the retardate is more concrete than the normal subject or is bound more closely to his own realm of experience and is less able to abstract common properties of objects and events (Kessler, 1966; Papania, 1954; Korstvedt, Stacy, & Reynolds; 1954). If this is the case the retarded S might give more false recognition responses than the normal S to words which represent sense impressions such as cold or red and are usually associated with critical stimulus words.

Several investigators (Stedman, 1963; Evans, 1964; Rossi, 1963) have found that in free recall retardates like normals show a tendency to cluster or group conceptually related items although they have been presented in a random order. The clustering phenomenon is assumed to indicate the occurrence of some type of mediational process. Stedman (1963) in a study comparing matched M.A. normal and retarded Ss on a stimulus list containing various semantic categories found that the two groups of subjects tended to cluster different types of words during recall. For the normal Ss action of, synonyms, and superordinates were the high

clustering categories. The retardates, on the other hand, tended to cluster on coordinates and contrast (opposites) which were the two lowest clustering classes for the normals. Based on these findings it might be expected that the retardates would show a greater tendency to falsely recognize  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  E words than words in the other CS groups when given a recognition task. They might also falsely recognize some of the CS words for the S0 category since these words are coordinates by virtue of being members of the same category.

#### Method

Subjects. There will be three groups of 30 Ss each, a retardate group, a normal group matched to the retarded group on the basis of mean C.A., and a normal group matched to the retarded group on the basis of mean M.A. Retarded Ss will be noninstitutionalized and will range in IQ from 50-70 and will have a mental age from 9-11 years. Normal Ss will have an IQ above 90. Subjects in all three groups will be taken from the same school system (probably the Midwest City-Del City Schools). All three groups will be approximately equated for cultural background as determined by Hollingshead's Two Factor Index of Social Position (Hollingshead, 1957) if the necessary information is available. The two factors which the Hollingshead index uses in determining social position are the education and occupation of the head of the household.

Word list. The list will consist of four different types of words. Critical stimulus (CS) words will be assumed to elicit specific IARs. Experimental words (E words) will be the assumed IARs to the CS words and will occur in the word list at some point following the occurrence of the corresponding CS word. Control (C) words will be similar in kind to the E words but will be assumed not to have been preceded in the list by words

for which they are IARs. Filler words will be presumed to be neutral with respect to E words and other words and will be used so that a specific repetition frequency can be built up. The CS, E, and C words will be those used by Wallace (1967b) and appear in Table 1. There will be five classes of CS words. Both classes  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  will consist of words for which the assumed IARs (E words) are antonyms of the CS word. The CS words for  $A_1$  items will be presented only once prior to the occurrence of the corresponding E word while the  $A_3$  CS words will occur three times before the presentation of their E words. The third class of CS words will consist of converging associations (CV). The superordinate (S0) class will be made up of specific instances as CS words followed later by the category label as the E word. The final type of CS words will be sense impressions (SI) with the E word being a sense impression such as white which is elicited frequently as an associate to a CS word, e.g., snow. The C words will occur two positions away from the corresponding E word and will occur before the E word half the time and after it the rest of the time.

Procedure. The Ss will be run individually. The S will be told that a list of words will be read to him and that he is to tell the experimenter (E) whether or not each word has occurred previously by saying yes if he has heard the word read before. A practice trial of 10 words will be given. The response to each word will be recorded by E. The word list will be read at a rate of one word every 10 seconds. Following the recognition list S will be asked to respond to each CS word with the first word which comes to his mind. This post hoc word association test will serve as a check on the accuracy of assumed IARs.

The data sheets will be scored for number of false recognitions, for C words, for E words, and for each separate class of E words. A groups of class of words analysis of variance will be run in order to detect any group, word class, or interaction effects.

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APPENDIX B

MENTAL AGES IN MONTHS FOR THE RETARDED GROUP

AND THE MATCHED MA NORMAL GROUP

Mental Ages in Months Retardate Group

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 99  | 100 | 110 |
| 97  | 101 | 118 |
| 96  | 102 | 125 |
| 106 | 98  | 107 |
| 102 | 99  | 105 |
| 96  | 115 | 116 |
| 100 | 98  | 99  |
| 101 | 118 | 110 |
| 106 | 98  | 114 |
| 103 | 118 | 105 |

$$\bar{X} = 105.40 \quad SD = 7.98$$

Mental Ages in Months Normal MA Groups

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 101 | 106 | 107 |
| 110 | 118 | 116 |
| 106 | 126 | 99  |
| 99  | 95  | 96  |
| 102 | 108 | 101 |
| 103 | 100 | 95  |
| 101 | 99  | 107 |
| 108 | 99  | 113 |
| 98  | 97  | 113 |
| 104 | 118 | 118 |

$$\bar{X} = 105.43 \quad SD = 8.03$$

APPENDIX C

CHRONOLOGICAL AGES IN MONTHS FOR THE

RETARDED GROUP AND THE MATCHED CA NORMAL GROUP

Chronological Age in Months Retardate Group

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 146 | 150 | 178 |
| 138 | 156 | 164 |
| 135 | 160 | 175 |
| 147 | 147 | 156 |
| 138 | 183 | 157 |
| 131 | 174 | 176 |
| 143 | 177 | 181 |
| 142 | 169 | 162 |
| 164 | 165 | 159 |
| 155 | 167 | 186 |

$$\bar{X} = 159.37 \quad SD = 15.38$$

Chronological Age in Months Normal CA Group

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 133 | 173 | 163 |
| 141 | 164 | 176 |
| 139 | 180 | 159 |
| 142 | 157 | 176 |
| 147 | 156 | 156 |
| 147 | 158 | 170 |
| 148 | 164 | 180 |
| 146 | 179 | 168 |
| 144 | 176 | 159 |
| 129 | 163 | 184 |

$$\bar{X} = 159.23 \quad SD = 15.16$$

**APPENDIX D**  
**IQ's FOR EACH GROUP OF SUBJECTS**



IQ's Group R

|    |    |    |
|----|----|----|
| 70 | 73 | 66 |
| 70 | 65 | 75 |
| 71 | 64 | 75 |
| 72 | 69 | 71 |
| 75 | 58 | 67 |
| 73 | 66 | 66 |
| 70 | 60 | 59 |
| 73 | 70 | 68 |
| 68 | 63 | 72 |
| 69 | 70 | 60 |

$\bar{X} = 68.27$        $SD = 4.78$

IQ's MA Group

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 105 | 107 | 91  |
| 108 | 120 | 116 |
| 110 | 133 | 106 |
| 108 | 106 | 97  |
| 94  | 106 | 101 |
| 94  | 102 | 98  |
| 101 | 97  | 102 |
| 113 | 104 | 104 |
| 109 | 105 | 106 |
| 104 | 93  | 116 |

$\bar{X} = 105.20$        $SD = 8.69$

IQ's CA Group

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 93  | 121 | 113 |
| 90  | 102 | 114 |
| 106 | 106 | 106 |
| 102 | 97  | 91  |
| 111 | --  | --  |
| 117 | 101 | 123 |
| 113 | 118 | 119 |
| 118 | 94  | 118 |
| 117 | 91  | 123 |
| 96  | --  | 91  |

$\bar{X} = 107.07$        $SD = 11.24$

APPENDIX E

THORNDIKE-LORGE FREQUENCY COUNT FOR CRITICAL STIMULUS,  
EXPERIMENTAL, AND CONTROL WORDS

Thorndike-Lorge Frequency General Count

Frequency Per Million

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| Class          | CS Words                                                                                                                                                           | E Words                                        | C Words                                        |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| A <sub>1</sub> | Bottom A<br>Give AA<br>Day AA<br>Man AA                                                                                                                            | Top AA<br>Take AA<br>Night AA<br>Woman AA      | Down AA<br>Good AA<br>Low AA<br>Rich AA        |
| A <sub>3</sub> | Rough A<br>False A<br>Hard AA<br>Slow A                                                                                                                            | Smooth A<br>True AA<br>Soft AA<br>Fast AA      | Weak A<br>Dirty A<br>Short AA<br>Girl AA       |
| CV             | Butter AA      Crumb 18<br>Sugar AA   Bitter A   Candy 32<br>Warm AA   Chill 43   Freeze 32   Frigid 2<br>Hot AA   Ice AA<br>Dark AA   Heavy AA   Lamp A   Match A | Bread A<br>Sweet AA<br>Cold AA<br><br>Light AA | Bridge AA<br>Salt AA<br>Cloud AA<br><br>Leg AA |
| SO             | Peach 29   Grape 34   Apple A   Pear 21<br>Robin 48   Sparrow 22   Bluejay 1   Canary 8                                                                            | Fruit AA<br>Bird AA                            | Cloth A<br>Flower AA                           |
| SI             | Bandage 14   Chalk 13   Milk AA   Rice 38<br>Snow AA                                                                                                               | White AA                                       | Red AA                                         |

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AA = 100 or more times per million

A = over 50 but less than 100 per million

**APPENDIX F**  
**INSTRUCTIONS**

### Instructions Recognition Task

We are going to play a game to see how well you can remember. You will hear a list of words read and for each word you are to ask yourself if that was read before. If the word has not been said before say "no". If the word has been read in the list before say "yes". The number of each word will be given before the word is read, and then the word will be said twice to make sure you understand the word. After the word is read you are to say "yes" or "no" right away. Remember if the word has been read before say "yes". If the word has not been read before say "no". Do you have any questions?

(Questions were answered)

We will practice with a few words before going on to the long list. Are you ready for the first word?

(If the Ss said "yes" to the first one or two words on the practice trial suggesting that he did not fully comprehend the instructions, the tape was stopped and Ss was told)

I want you to say yes only if a word is read again as another number, for example if "dog" is number one and then number four. Each word will be read twice after the same number only to make sure you understand the word. You do not count that.

### After Practice Trials

Fine. Now we will go on to the longer list. Remember if the word has been read before say "yes". If it has not been read before say "no".

Instructions Word Associations

Now I am going to read some words and each time I read a word I want you to tell me the first word that you think of when you hear that word. For example, if I read "dog" you might think of "cat". So you would say "cat". We will try one or two words to make sure you understand.

Table \_\_\_\_\_ Door \_\_\_\_\_ Good. Now we will do the same thing with some more words.

Are you ready?

(E then reads through a randomly ordered list of the critical stimulus word recording S's response to each word.)

**APPENDIX G**  
**PRACTICE WORD LIST**



Practice Trial List

1. Dog
2. Toy
3. Comb
4. Plate
5. Cup
6. Dog
7. Fork
8. Book
9. Read
10. Comb

APPENDIX H  
WORD RECOGNITION LIST

Word Recognition List

- |             |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Frigid   | 34. Chalk   | 67. Take    |
| 2. Ocean    | 35. Tobacco | 68. Rice    |
| 3. Peach    | 36. Freeze  | 69. Bluejay |
| 4. Rough    | 37. Canary  | 70. Hard    |
| 5. Dark     | 38. Bottom  | 71. False   |
| 6. Cry      | 39. Hard    | 72. Salt    |
| 7. Apple    | 40. False   | 73. Grape   |
| 8. Tell     | 41. Then    | 74. Sweet   |
| 9. Guns     | 42. Crumb   | 75. Weak    |
| 10. Day     | 43. House   | 76. Cold    |
| 11. Bandage | 44. Ice     | 77. Smooth  |
| 12. Sugar   | 45. Square  | 78. Cloud   |
| 13. You     | 46. Needle  | 79. Fruit   |
| 14. Joy     | 47. Warm    | 80. True    |
| 15. Pear    | 48. Butter  | 81. Cloth   |
| 16. At      | 49. Snow    | 82. Dirty   |
| 17. Man     | 50. Slow    | 83. Hard    |
| 18. Hammer  | 51. Candy   | 84. Robin   |
| 19. Slow    | 52. False   | 85. Night   |
| 20. Joy     | 53. Rough   | 86. Leg     |
| 21. Match   | 54. City    | 87. Low     |
| 22. Lamp    | 55. Hand    | 88. Light   |
| 23. Rough   | 56. Numbers | 89. Soft    |
| 24. Cars    | 57. Top     | 90. Red     |
| 25. Slow    | 58. It      | 91. Short   |
| 26. Milk    | 59. Down    | 92. White   |
| 27. Hot     | 60. Give    | 93. Flower  |
| 28. Ocean   | 61. Sparrow | 94. Rich    |
| 29. At      | 62. Bridge  | 95. Bird    |
| 30. Thinner | 63. Bitter  | 96. Woman   |
| 31. You     | 64. Bread   | 97. Fast    |
| 32. Heavy   | 65. Good    | 98. What    |
| 33. Tell    | 66. Chill   | 99. Girl    |
|             |             | 100. Chair  |

APPENDIX I  
WORD ASSOCIATION LIST

Word Association List

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. grape _____   | 19. robin _____   |
| 2. heavy _____   | 20. bottom _____  |
| 3. sugar _____   | 21. candy _____   |
| 4. day _____     | 22. hot _____     |
| 5. pear _____    | 23. milk _____    |
| 6. warm _____    | 24. match _____   |
| 7. bitter _____  | 25. crumb _____   |
| 8. slow _____    | 26. false _____   |
| 9. sparrow _____ | 27. give _____    |
| 10. chill _____  | 28. dark _____    |
| 11. rough _____  | 29. man _____     |
| 12. canary _____ | 30. frigid _____  |
| 13. rice _____   | 31. apple _____   |
| 14. peach _____  | 32. bandage _____ |
| 15. ice _____    | 33. lamp _____    |
| 16. hard _____   | 34. chalk _____   |
| 17. snow _____   | 35. butter _____  |
| 18. freeze _____ | 36. bluejay _____ |

## APPENDIX J

SCORED FOR FALSE RECOGNITIONS TO VARIOUS TYPES OF WORDS

Scores For False Recognitions to Various Types of Words

|     | $A_1$     |           |           | C         |           |           |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|     | R         | MA        | CA        | R         | MA        | CA        |
| 1.  | 1         | 0         | 3         | 1         | 0         | 3         |
| 2.  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 1         | 0         |
| 3.  | 2         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 1         | 0         |
| 4.  | 2         | 1         | 0         | 3         | 0         | 0         |
| 5.  | 0         | 1         | 2         | 0         | 1         | 2         |
| 6.  | 2         | 0         | 0         | 4         | 0         | 2         |
| 7.  | 3         | 1         | 0         | 3         | 2         | 1         |
| 8.  | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 3         |
| 9.  | 1         | 3         | 1         | 0         | 3         | 1         |
| 10. | 1         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0         | 2         |
| 11. | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| 12. | 2         | 0         | 2         | 4         | 0         | 3         |
| 13. | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 3         |
| 14. | 3         | 0         | 2         | 1         | 0         | 2         |
| 15. | 4         | 3         | 1         | 3         | 2         | 1         |
| 16. | 1         | 3         | 1         | 1         | 3         | 1         |
| 17. | 1         | 2         | 0         | 2         | 2         | 0         |
| 18. | 4         | 1         | 1         | 2         | 0         | 0         |
| 19. | 1         | 1         | 3         | 3         | 0         | 2         |
| 20. | 2         | 3         | 1         | 1         | 2         | 1         |
| 21. | 2         | 0         | 1         | 2         | 0         | 0         |
| 22. | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| 23. | 3         | 1         | 3         | 2         | 2         | 3         |
| 24. | 0         | 1         | 1         | 2         | 2         | 2         |
| 25. | 0         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0         |
| 26. | 2         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| 27. | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1         |
| 28. | 0         | 0         | 0         | 3         | 0         | 1         |
| 29. | 0         | 0         | 1         | 2         | 0         | 0         |
| 30. | 0         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
|     | <u>39</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>44</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>34</u> |

Sources for False Recognitions to Various Types of Words

|     | $A_3$ |    |    | C |    |    |
|-----|-------|----|----|---|----|----|
|     | R     | MA | CA | R | MA | CA |
| 1.  | 2     | 0  | 3  | 0 | 0  | 3  |
| 2.  | 2     | 2  | 1  | 4 | 2  | 1  |
| 3.  | 2     | 1  | 2  | 0 | 0  | 1  |
| 4.  | 0     | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| 5.  | 0     | 0  | 0  | 0 | 1  | 1  |
| 6.  | 4     | 1  | 3  | 2 | 1  | 2  |
| 7.  | 3     | 3  | 0  | 2 | 3  | 0  |
| 8.  | 3     | 1  | 3  | 0 | 0  | 2  |
| 9.  | 1     | 3  | 0  | 0 | 3  | 0  |
| 10. | 0     | 0  | 2  | 0 | 0  | 1  |
| 11. | 0     | 0  | 0  | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| 12. | 2     | 0  | 2  | 4 | 0  | 0  |
| 13. | 1     | 0  | 4  | 0 | 0  | 1  |
| 14. | 1     | 1  | 2  | 2 | 0  | 0  |
| 15. | 4     | 3  | 2  | 4 | 2  | 2  |
| 16. | 1     | 0  | 0  | 1 | 3  | 2  |
| 17. | 2     | 1  | 0  | 2 | 2  | 0  |
| 18. | 1     | 2  | 2  | 4 | 0  | 0  |
| 19. | 1     | 1  | 1  | 2 | 0  | 2  |
| 20. | 1     | 3  | 0  | 1 | 3  | 0  |
| 21. | 4     | 0  | 1  | 3 | 1  | 0  |
| 22. | 0     | 0  | 1  | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| 23. | 1     | 2  | 4  | 2 | 1  | 1  |
| 24. | 1     | 3  | 2  | 1 | 1  | 1  |
| 25. | 0     | 1  | 1  | 0 | 1  | 3  |
| 26. | 0     | 1  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| 27. | 0     | 1  | 1  | 0 | 0  | 1  |
| 28. | 1     | 0  | 0  | 2 | 0  | 0  |
| 29. | 3     | 0  | 1  | 3 | 0  | 1  |
| 30. | 1     | 0  | 0  | 0 | 1  | 0  |



Scores For False Recognitions to Various Types of Words

|     | CV |    |    | $\bar{C}$ |    |    |
|-----|----|----|----|-----------|----|----|
|     | R  | MA | CA | R         | MA | CA |
| 1.  | 3  | 0  | 4  | 0         | 0  | 3  |
| 2.  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0         | 1  | 1  |
| 3.  | 4  | 1  | 1  | 1         | 1  | 1  |
| 4.  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0         | 0  | 0  |
| 5.  | 0  | 2  | 1  | 0         | 0  | 0  |
| 6.  | 3  | 3  | 1  | 4         | 2  | 1  |
| 7.  | 4  | 3  | 1  | 2         | 2  | 1  |
| 8.  | 1  | 1  | 2  | 0         | 1  | 0  |
| 9.  | 1  | 2  | 0  | 0         | 2  | 0  |
| 10. | 0  | 1  | 3  | 1         | 0  | 0  |
| 11. | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0         | 0  | 0  |
| 12. | 3  | 2  | 2  | 4         | 1  | 2  |
| 13. | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0         | 0  | 2  |
| 14. | 3  | 0  | 3  | 2         | 1  | 1  |
| 15. | 3  | 4  | 2  | 3         | 2  | 1  |
| 16. | 3  | 2  | 3  | 2         | 3  | 1  |
| 17. | 2  | 3  | 2  | 3         | 2  | 0  |
| 18. | 1  | 1  | 1  | 2         | 0  | 9  |
| 19. | 1  | 0  | 3  | 2         | 0  | 3  |
| 20. | 1  | 4  | 1  | 1         | 2  | 0  |
| 21. | 1  | 1  | 3  | 3         | 0  | 2  |
| 22. | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0         | 0  | 1  |
| 23. | 3  | 2  | 4  | 0         | 1  | 2  |
| 24. | 2  | 2  | 2  | 1         | 1  | 1  |
| 25. | 0  | 1  | 3  | 0         | 2  | 0  |
| 26. | 2  | 0  | 1  | 0         | 0  | 0  |
| 27. | 0  | 0  | 4  | 1         | 0  | 2  |
| 28. | 2  | 1  | 0  | 2         | 0  | 0  |
| 29. | 3  | 0  | 1  | 0         | 0  | 0  |
| 30. | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1         | 0  | 1  |

|     | SI |    |    |  | IC |    |    |
|-----|----|----|----|--|----|----|----|
|     | R  | MA | CA |  | R  | MA | CA |
| 1.  | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| 2.  | 1  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 3.  | 1  | 0  | 0  |  | 1  | 1  | 0  |
| 4.  | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 5.  | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 6.  | 1  | 0  | 0  |  | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| 7.  | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| 8.  | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 1  | 0  | 1  |
| 9.  | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 10. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 11. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 12. | 1  | 0  | 0  |  | 1  | 0  | 1  |
| 13. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| 14. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| 15. | 1  | 0  | 0  |  | 1  | 1  | 0  |
| 16. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 1  | 1  | 0  |
| 17. | 0  | 1  | 0  |  | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| 18. | 1  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 19. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 20. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| 21. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 22. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| 23. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 24. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| 25. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 1  | 0  | 1  |
| 26. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 27. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 28. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| 29. | 1  | 0  | 0  |  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 30. | 0  | 0  | 0  |  | 1  | 0  | 0  |

|     | SO |    |    | C1 |    |    |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|     | R  | MA | CA | R  | MA | CA |
| 1.  | 2  | 0  | 2  | 2  | 0  | 2  |
| 2.  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| 3.  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  |
| 4.  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 5.  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| 6.  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  |
| 7.  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| 8.  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 9.  | 1  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  |
| 10. | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| 11. | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 12. | 2  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 0  | 1  |
| 13. | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| 14. | 0  | 0  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| 15. | 2  | 1  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 0  |
| 16. | 2  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| 17. | 2  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| 18. | 2  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| 19. | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 2  |
| 20. | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  |
| 21. | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 1  |
| 22. | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| 23. | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| 24. | 0  | 2  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| 25. | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| 26. | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| 27. | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 28. | 2  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| 29. | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 30. | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |

|     | R | MA | CA |
|-----|---|----|----|
| 1.  | 3 | 1  | 4  |
| 2.  | 3 | 3  | 0  |
| 3.  | 1 | 3  | 0  |
| 4.  | 3 | 0  | 0  |
| 5.  | 0 | 0  | 2  |
| 6.  | 4 | 1  | 0  |
| 7.  | 5 | 2  | 1  |
| 8.  | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| 9.  | 0 | 1  | 0  |
| 10. | 3 | 0  | 0  |
| 11. | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| 12. | 4 | 2  | 1  |
| 13. | 2 | 0  | 2  |
| 14. | 3 | 0  | 0  |
| 15. | 6 | 3  | 0  |
| 16. | 2 | 4  | 0  |
| 17. | 3 | 4  | 1  |
| 18. | 5 | 1  | 0  |
| 19. | 2 | 3  | 3  |
| 20. | 0 | 2  | 0  |
| 21. | 2 | 0  | 1  |
| 22. | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| 23. | 2 | 1  | 1  |
| 24. | 0 | 1  | 1  |
| 25. | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| 26. | 0 | 1  | 0  |
| 27. | 1 | 1  | 0  |
| 28. | 3 | 1  | 1  |
| 29. | 4 | 0  | 1  |
| 30. | 0 | 1  | 3  |

APPENDIX K

ACCURATE RECOGNITIONS OF ACTUAL REPETITIONS

Recognition of Actual Repetitions

|     | R  | MA | CA |
|-----|----|----|----|
| 1.  | 9  | 12 | 13 |
| 2.  | 7  | 11 | 11 |
| 3.  | 8  | 11 | 13 |
| 4.  | 9  | 9  | 12 |
| 5.  | 6  | 12 | 13 |
| 6.  | 4  | 11 | 13 |
| 7.  | 13 | 13 | 12 |
| 8.  | 11 | 7  | 12 |
| 9.  | 8  | 13 | 12 |
| 10. | 11 | 9  | 12 |
| 11. | 1  | 9  | 8  |
| 12. | 9  | 7  | 11 |
| 13. | 5  | 12 | 10 |
| 14. | 7  | 12 | 12 |
| 15. | 7  | 11 | 13 |
| 16. | 13 | 8  | 13 |
| 17. | 9  | 13 | 10 |
| 18. | 8  | 11 | 11 |
| 19. | 13 | 9  | 12 |
| 20. | 12 | 13 | 10 |
| 21. | 10 | 8  | 11 |
| 22. | 7  | 11 | 11 |
| 23. | 13 | 12 | 12 |
| 24. | 11 | 12 | 10 |
| 25. | 12 | 3  | 10 |
| 26. | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| 27. | 7  | 9  | 11 |
| 28. | 7  | 10 | 12 |
| 29. | 6  | 12 | 13 |
| 30. | 8  | 10 | 12 |

APPENDIX L  
SUMMARIES FOR ANALYSES OF VARIANCE

Summary of Analysis of Variance on Accurate  
Recognition of Repetitions (AR)

| Source           | SS     | df | MS    | F     | p     |
|------------------|--------|----|-------|-------|-------|
| Between subjects | 120.87 | 2  | 60.44 | 11.55 | <.001 |
| Within subjects  | 455.53 | 87 | 5.23  |       |       |

Simple Effects

|            |           |          |
|------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. Rvs MA; | t = 2.66, | p < .01  |
| 2. Rvs CA; | t = 4.81, | p < .005 |
| 3. MAVsCA; | t = 2.15, | p < .025 |



Summary Analysis of Variance on Total False Recognitions to  
Experimental and Control Words

| Source                  | SS     | df | MS   | F     | p       |
|-------------------------|--------|----|------|-------|---------|
| <u>Between Subjects</u> | 338.12 | 89 |      |       |         |
| A (Groups)              | 17.55  | 2  | 8.77 | 2.38  | <.10 NS |
| Subject w. groups       | 320.57 | 87 | 3.68 |       |         |
| <u>Within Subjects</u>  | 36.13  | 90 |      |       |         |
| B (E vs C words)        | 4.60   | 1  | 4.60 | 12.77 | <.01    |
| AB                      | .06    | 2  | .03  | .08   | NS      |
| B x Subject w. groups   | 31.47  | 87 | .06  |       |         |

Summary One Way Analysis of Variance for Absolute Difference in  
Number of False Recognitions to E and C Words

| Source           | SS    | df | MS   | F    |    |
|------------------|-------|----|------|------|----|
| Between Subjects | .83   | 2  | .415 | 1.59 | NS |
| Within Subjects  | 22.71 | 87 | .261 |      |    |

Summary Analysis of Variance on  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , CV and

Corresponding Control Words

| Source                  | SS    | df  | MS    | F     | p     |
|-------------------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| <u>Between subjects</u> | 97.10 | 89  |       |       |       |
| A (Groups)              | 3.16  | 2   | 1.58  | 1.46  | NS    |
| Subj. w. groups         | 93.94 | 87  | 1.08  |       |       |
| <u>Within Subjects</u>  | 13.27 | 450 |       |       |       |
| B (kind of word)        | 3.05  | 5   | .61   | 27.98 | <.001 |
| AB                      | .70   | 10  | .07   | 3.24  | <.01  |
| B x subj. w. groups     | 9.52  | 435 | .0218 |       |       |

Summary 3x2 Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance on  
False Recognitions to S0 Words and Their Controls

| Source                  | SS    | df | MS   | F    | p    |
|-------------------------|-------|----|------|------|------|
| <u>Between subjects</u> | 13.93 | 89 |      |      |      |
| A (Groups)              | .29   | 2  | .145 | .072 | NS   |
| Subj. w. gorups         | 13.64 | 87 | .157 |      |      |
| <u>Within subjects</u>  | 6.31  | 90 |      |      |      |
| B (S0 vs C)             | .61   | 1  | .61  | 9.68 | <.01 |
| AB                      | .23   | 2  | .115 | 1.82 | NS   |

Summary One Way Analysis of Variance and T-test on  
False Recognitions to Coordinates (C0)

| Source           | SS    | df | MS   | F    | p    |
|------------------|-------|----|------|------|------|
| Between subjects | 2.93  | 2  | 1.47 | 5.63 | <.01 |
| Within subjects  | 22.71 | 87 | .26  |      |      |

Simple Effects

|              |           |            |
|--------------|-----------|------------|
| 1. R vs MA;  | t = 1.92, | p < .05    |
| 2. R vs CA;  | t = 3.38, | p < .005   |
| 3. MA vs CA; | t = 1.46, | p < .10 NS |

APPENDIX M

THE THREE MOST FREQUENT RESPONSES ON THE

WORD ASSOCIATION TEST

# The Three Most Frequent Responses on Word Association Test

The number following a response represents the number of Ss out of 30 giving that response

| CS Word        |                                       | Associations                               |                                              |  |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--|
| A <sub>1</sub> | Group R                               | Group MA                                   | Group CA                                     |  |
| Bottom         | Top 16                                | Top 21                                     | Top 28                                       |  |
| Give           | Take 8<br>Gave 5<br>Up 2<br>Receive 2 | Gave 4<br>Take 3<br>Me 2<br>Have 2<br>Up 2 | Take 21<br>Receive 3<br>Gave 2               |  |
| Day            | Night 26                              | Night 27                                   | Night 27                                     |  |
| Man            | Woman 27                              | Woman 18<br>Lady 3<br>Girl 2<br>Men 2      | Woman 29                                     |  |
| A <sub>3</sub> |                                       |                                            |                                              |  |
| Rough          | Smooth 5<br>Hard 5<br>Soft 5          | Smooth 6<br>Tough 6<br>Soft 6              | Smooth 10<br>Soft 6<br>Hard 5                |  |
| False          | True 15<br>Teeth 7<br>Real 2          | True 7<br>Teeth 7<br>Real 3                | True 21<br>Teeth 3<br>Fake 2<br>Artificial 2 |  |
| Hard           | Soft 14                               | Soft 14<br>Easy 5<br>Heavy 2<br>Work 2     | Soft 26                                      |  |
| Slow           | Fast 24                               | Fast 25<br>Poke 3                          | Fast 29                                      |  |

| CS Word | Associations                                      |                                                                                  |                                                  |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| CV      | Group R                                           | Group MA                                                                         | Group CA                                         |
| Butter  | Milk 7<br>Bread 4<br>Toast 3                      | Bread 7<br>Milk 4<br>Toast 2<br>Yellow 2                                         | Bread 12<br>Milk 4<br>Soft 2                     |
| Crumb   | Bread 8<br>Cookie 3<br>Cracker 3                  | Bread 5<br>Cracker 3<br>Cookie 2<br>Crumble 2<br>Crumbs 2<br>Piece 2<br>Pieces 2 | Bread 16<br>Piece 5<br>Bird 2<br>Little 2        |
| Sugar   | Sweet 17<br>Salt 4<br>Cup 2<br>Sour 2             | Sweet 14<br>Salt 8                                                               | Sweet 20<br>Salt 7                               |
| Bitter  | Sour 7<br>Sweet 4<br>Butter 3                     | Didn't know word 5<br>Butter 3<br>Better 3<br>Good 3<br>Batter 3                 | Sweet 15<br>Sour 10                              |
| Candy   | Sweet 10<br>Fruit 2<br>Store 2<br>Hard 2<br>Eat 2 | Sweet 7<br>Sugar 3<br>Eat 2<br>Gum 2<br>Good 2<br>Food 2                         | Sweet 16<br>Food 2<br>Good 2<br>Pop 2<br>Sugar 2 |
| Warm    | Cold 15<br>Hot 10                                 | Cold 16<br>Hot 10                                                                | Cold 18<br>Hot 6                                 |
| Chill   | Cold 20<br>Bumps 3                                | Cold 11<br>Warm 4<br>Freeze 3                                                    | Cold 18<br>Warm 6<br>Hot 3                       |



| CS Word  | Associations                                     |                                                            |                                                       |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| CV con't | Group R                                          | Group MA                                                   | Group CA                                              |
| Freeze   | Cold 14<br>Warm 5<br>Hot 2<br>Hard 2<br>Ice 2    | Cold 10<br>Warm 4<br>Hot 3                                 | Cold 17<br>Water 2<br>Ice 2<br>Snow 2                 |
| Frigid   | Didn't know word 7<br>Frigerator 4<br>Gidget 3   | Didn't know word 13<br>Frigerator 2<br>Cold 2<br>Freezer 2 | Cold 11<br>Didn't know 5<br>Frigerator 2<br>Freezer 2 |
| Hot      | Cold 22<br>Warm 2                                | Cold 22<br>Not 2                                           | Cold 28                                               |
| Ice      | Cold 8<br>Water 5<br>Cream 4                     | Cold 18<br>Water 3<br>Cube 3                               | Cold 14<br>Cream 6<br>Water 4                         |
| Dark     | Light 14<br>Day 6<br>Night 5                     | Light 17<br>Night 6<br>Day 3                               | Light 27<br>Night 3                                   |
| Heavy    | Light 10<br>Sad 3<br>Hard 2<br>Skinny 2<br>Low 2 | Light 16<br>Hard 2<br>Box 2<br>Large 2                     | Light 20<br>Soft 3<br>Small 2                         |
| Lamp     | Light 23<br>Shade 2<br>Bulb 2                    | Light 22<br>Table 3<br>Bulb 2<br>Shade 2                   | Light 21<br>Table 3<br>Post 2<br>Shade 2              |
| Match    | Fire 13<br>Strike 3<br>Light 2                   | Fire 15<br>Light 5<br>Hot 3                                | Light 10<br>Fire 10<br>Box 2                          |

| CS Word | Associations                             |                                                        |                                |
|---------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SO      | Group R                                  | Group MA                                               | Group CA                       |
| Peach   | Pear 11<br>Fruit 4<br>Eat 4              | Fruit 11<br>Pear 5<br>Tree 4                           | Pear 14<br>Tree 5<br>Fruit 3   |
| Grape   | Fruit 8<br>Orange 6<br>Eat 3<br>Vine 3   | Fruit 14<br>Juice 3<br>Purple 3                        | Vine 6<br>Fruit 5<br>Cherry 4  |
| Apple   | Orange 7<br>Pear 6<br>Fruit 3<br>Tree 3  | Fruit 9<br>Pear 5<br>Eat 3<br>Red 3                    | Pear 12<br>Tree 5<br>Fruit 4   |
| Pear    | Apple 11<br>Fruit 4<br>Tree 4<br>Peach 4 | Fruit 9<br>Apple 4<br>Peach 3                          | Peach 11<br>Apple 6<br>Fruit 5 |
| Robin   | Bird 20<br>Fly 2                         | Bird 23                                                | Bird 18<br>Sparrow 4           |
| Sparrow | Bird 16<br>Arrow 3<br>Flying 2           | Bird 19<br>Robin 2<br>Arrow 2<br>Bluejay 2             | Bird 23<br>Robin 3             |
| Bluejay | Bird 21<br>Robin 3<br>Fly 2              | Bird 23<br>Nest 2                                      | Bird 21<br>Blue 4              |
| Canary  | Bird 15<br>Cage 3<br>Bluejay 3           | Bird 10<br>Didn't know 6<br>Boat 2<br>Berry 2<br>Dog 2 | Bird 19<br>Sing 2              |

| CS WORD | Associations                                                   |                                                |                                       |
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| SI      | Group R                                                        | Group MA                                       | Group CA                              |
| Bandage | Cut 8<br>Tape 4<br>Hurt 3<br>Bandaaid 3                        | Cut 7<br>Hurt 6<br>Sore 2<br>Knee 2            | Hurt 8<br>Sore 6<br>Cut 5             |
| Chalk   | Board 13<br>Write 6<br>Chalkboard 3                            | Board 13<br>Write 6<br>Chalkboard 3<br>White 3 | Board 17<br>Write 4                   |
| Milk    | Water 6<br>Drink 4<br>Cow 3                                    | Drink 8<br>Water 5<br>Cow 4<br>White 4         | Good 4<br>Drink 3<br>Water 3<br>Cow 3 |
| Rice    | Food 6<br>Eat 3<br>Oatmeal 2<br>Cereal 2<br>Gravy 2<br>Wheat 2 | Food 13<br>Sugar 3<br>Wheat 2                  | Food 7<br>China 3<br>Wheat            |
| Snow    | Ice 6<br>Cold 4<br>Rain 3                                      | White 9<br>Cold 4<br>Ice 4                     | White 6<br>Rain 6<br>Cold 5           |