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Lower Case - Upper Case Letter Matching: Instructions for Use

In this task, the subject must find the correct upper case form to match a given lower case letter. Distractor letters are visually similar to the target. Note that, in order to do this task, the subject does not have to <u>name</u> the letter (indeed, a subject may be unable to name letters, yet still be able to do this task) - we know from experiments with skilled adult readers that a name code need not be involved in identifying upper and lower case forms of letters. However, neither can the match be carried out purely on the basis of <u>visual similarity</u>, since some lower and upper case forms (eg. E and e) have physically dissimilar shapes. Experimental evidence suggests that the task can be carried out successfully by finding that upper and lower case forms have a common <u>abstract letter identity</u>.

Descriptive Statistics (for 26 control subjects):

Letter Matching (n = 26) Mean = 26

Suggestions for Where to go next: If a subject does well on this task, it is unlikely that performance will be impaired on upper case - lower case matching. See whether the subject can also name letters [22], since it is clear that subjects can be impaired in letter naming, while still able to match letters on the basis of a common identity (Coltheart, M., Patterson, K.E. & Marshall, J.C. (1987) Deep Dyslexia. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul).

Even though a subject can successfully match individual letters, there may be a problem in processing letters in words (see papers in Riddoch, J. (1991) **Neglect and the Peripheral Dyslexias**. London: LEA); therefore test performance on [21].

If a subject is impaired in this task, try upper case - lower case matching [19]. This can help to find whether errors occur consistently on a subset of letters. Test whether the subject can distinguish correct and incorrect letter forms (Mirror Reversal [18]).

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