

Materials from the experiments reported in “Repair or accommodation?”

A. Experiment 1 (Paraphrase Elicitation)

- (1) Wendy is eager to sail and Bruce is eager to fly, but neither of them has so far.
Please say what you took that to mean by completing this sentence:
"So far, neither of them"
- (2) Katherine plans to fish and Sam plans to swim, and both of them will without complaint.
Please say what you took that to mean by completing this sentence:
"Without complaint both of them"
- (3) Ernie is eager to call and Susan is eager to email because neither of them did last year.
Please say what you took that to mean by completing this sentence:
"Last year, neither of them"
- (4) Elizabeth wants to write and Kimberly wants to talk, and both of them will soon.
Please say what you took that to mean by completing this sentence:
"Soon, both of them"

B. Experiment 2 (Naturalness Judgements, Modal Parallelism x Ellipsis)

- (1)
 - a. Wendy is eager to sail around the world and Bruce is eager to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, but neither of them has so far.
 - b. Wendy is eager to sail around the world and Bruce is supposed to read a book about Mt. Kilimanjaro, but neither of them has so far.
 - c. Wendy is eager to sail around the world and Bruce is eager to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, but neither of them has done it so far.
 - d. Wendy is eager to sail around the world and Bruce is supposed to read a book about Mt. Kilimanjaro, but neither of them has done it so far.
- (2)
 - a. Ernie is eager to go to Bucharest and Susan is eager to visit Rome because neither of them did last year.
 - b. Ernie is required to go to Bucharest and Susan is eager to experience Rome because neither of them did last year.
 - c. Ernie is eager to go to Bucharest and Susan is eager to visit Rome because neither of them did it last year.
 - d. Ernie is required to go to Bucharest and Susan is eager to experience Rome because neither of them did it last year.

(3)

- a. Meg wants to spend a summer in Chile and Jesse wants to hike the Adirondacks, but neither of them will anytime soon.
- b. Meg is supposed to spend a summer in Chile and Jesse wants to avoid the Adirondacks, but neither of them will anytime soon.
- c. Meg wants to spend a summer in Chile and Jesse wants to hike the Adirondacks, but neither of them will do it anytime soon.
- d. Meg is supposed to spend a summer in Chile and Jesse wants to avoid the Adirondacks, but neither of them will do it anytime soon.

(4)

- a. Katherine plans to work in her hometown in January and Sam plans to help his parents, and both of them will without complaint.
- b. Katherine must work in her hometown in January and Sam plans to go skiing with his parents, and both of them will without complaint.
- c. Katherine plans to work in her hometown in January and Sam plans to help his parents, and both of them will do it without complaint.
- d. Katherine must work in her hometown in January and Sam plans to go skiing with his parents, and both of them will do it without complaint.

(5)

- a. Henry is anxious to join a gym and Karen is anxious to learn meditation, and both of them will soon.
- b. Henry is anxious to join a gym and Karen is required to assess meditation, and both of them will soon.
- c. Henry is anxious to join a gym and Karen is anxious to learn meditation, and both of them will do it soon.
- d. Henry is anxious to join a gym and Karen is required to assess meditation, and both of them will do it soon.

(6)

- a. Fiona is eager to study French in Paris and Emily is eager to study Italian in Rome, but neither of them will this year.
- b. Fiona is eager to study French in Paris and Emily is obligated to teach Roman history, but neither of them will this year.
- c. Fiona is eager to study French in Paris and Emily is eager to study Italian in Rome, but neither of them will do it this year.
- d. Fiona is eager to study French in Paris and Emily is obligated to teach Roman history, but neither of them will do it this year.

(7)

- a. Elizabeth wants to paint brilliant portraits and Kimberly wants to write brilliant novels, and both of them will soon.
- b. Elizabeth is able to paint brilliant portraits and Kimberly wants to expose brilliant frauds, and both of them will soon.
- c. Elizabeth wants to paint brilliant portraits and Kimberly wants to write brilliant novels, and both of them will do it soon.
- d. Elizabeth is able to paint brilliant portraits and Kimberly wants to expose brilliant frauds, and both of them will do it soon.

(8)

- a. Ed plans to sell insurance and Richard plans to sell real estate, but neither of them can now.
- b. Ed must sell insurance and Richard plans to buy a house, but neither of them can now.
- c. Ed plans to sell insurance and Richard plans to sell real estate, but neither of them can do it now.
- d. Ed must sell insurance and Richard plans to buy a house, but neither of them can do it now.

(9)

- a. Cynthia wants to spend June in the mountains and Bill wants to spend June at the shore, because neither of them did last year.
- b. Cynthia must spend June in the mountains and Bill wants to study shore birds, because neither of them did last year.
- c. Cynthia wants to spend June in the mountains and Bill wants to spend June at the shore, because neither of them did it last year.
- d. Cynthia must spend June in the mountains and Bill wants to study shore birds, because neither of them did it last year.

(10)

- a. Roger is eager to work and Rhonda is eager to write, because neither of them had time to over the holidays.
- b. Roger is required to cook and Rhonda is eager to write, because neither of them had time to over the holidays.
- c. Roger is eager to work and Rhonda is eager to write, because neither of them had time to do it over the holidays.
- d. Roger is required to cook and Rhonda is eager to write, because neither of them had time to do it over the holidays.

(11)

- a. Elizabeth must learn Chinese cooking and Frank plans to learn carpentry, but they can't this year.
- b. Elizabeth plans to learn Chinese cooking and Frank plans to construct houses, but they can't this year.
- c. Elizabeth must learn Chinese cooking and Frank plans to learn carpentry, but they can't do it this year.
- d. Elizabeth plans to learn Chinese cooking and Frank plans to construct houses, but they can't do it this year.

(12)

- a. Rick is anxious to take computer classes and Bill is anxious to work out, because neither of them could during the fall.
- b. Rick is required to take computer classes and Bill is anxious to leave town, because neither of them could during the fall.
- c. Rick is anxious to take computer classes and Bill is anxious to work out, because neither of them could do it during the fall.
- d. Rick is required to take computer classes and Bill is anxious to leave town, because neither of them could do it during the fall.

(13)

- a. Stan hopes to study at the university and Ronnie wants to study at the Art Institute, but neither of them can without money.
- b. Stan is supposed to study at the university and Ronnie wants to cause a stir at the Art Institute, but neither of them can without money.
- c. Stan hopes to study at the university and Ronnie wants to study at the Art Institute, but neither of them can do it without money.
- d. Stan is supposed to study at the university and Ronnie wants to cause a stir at the Art Institute, but neither of them can do it without money.

(14)

- a. Hannah must go to school in France and her sister must go to school in Switzerland, and both of them will without doubt.
- b. Hannah can go to school in France and her sister must finish viola lessons, and both of them will without doubt.
- c. Hannah must go to school in France and her sister must go to school in Switzerland, and both of them will do it without doubt.
- d. Hannah can go to school in France and her sister must finish viola lessons, and both of them will do it without doubt.

(15)

- a. Timothy is required to take Neuropsychology this fall and his brother is required to take Clinical Psychology, and they each need to in order to graduate.
- b. Timothy wants to take Neuropsychology this fall and his brother is required to see a clinical psychologist, and they each need to in order to graduate.
- c. Timothy is required to take Neuropsychology this fall and his brother is required to take Clinical Psychology, and they each need to do it in order to graduate.
- d. Timothy wants to take Neuropsychology this fall and his brother is required to see a clinical psychologist, and they each need to do it in order to graduate.

(16)

- a. Patricia is eager to start skiing and her friend Amy is eager to start skating, and each of them will for most of the winter.
- b. Patricia is obligated to give ski lessons and her friend Amy is eager to go shopping, and each of them will for most of the winter.
- c. Patricia is eager to start skiing and her friend Amy is eager to start skating, and each of them will do it for most of the winter.
- d. Patricia is obligated to give ski lessons and her friend Amy is eager to go shopping, and each of them will do it for most of the winter.

C. Experiment 3 (Naturalness Judgements, Subject Type x Ellipsis)

(1)

- a. Josh always wanted to go to Harvard. Lulu always wanted to go to Yale. Despite hard times, Josh and Lulu can go to Harvard and go to Yale.
- b. Josh always wanted to go to Harvard. Lulu always wanted to go to Yale. Despite hard times, Josh and Lulu can.
- c. Josh always wanted to go to Harvard. Lulu always wanted to go to Yale. Despite hard times, they can go to Harvard and go to Yale.
- d. Josh always wanted to go to Harvard. Lulu always wanted to go to Yale. Despite hard times, they can.

(2)

- d. Wendy is eager to sail around the world. Bruce is eager to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. If all goes well, they can.

(3)

- d. Meg wants to spend the summer in Chile. Jesse wants to spend the summer in Brazil. If they inherit some money, they can.

(4)

- d. Ernie wants to go to Paris this year. Susan wants to go to Rome. If all goes according to plan, they will.

(5)

- d. Henry is anxious to go backpacking. Karen is anxious to go camping. If it doesn't rain, they will.

(6)

- d. Fiona can't wait to study French in Paris. Emily can't wait to study Italian in Rome. If their loans come through, they will.

(7)

- d. Elizabeth wants to paint brilliant portraits. Kimberly wants to write brilliant novels. If they have a year off, they will.

(8)

- d. Ed would like to sell real estate. Richard would like to build a house. If I know them, they will.

(9)

- d. Cynthia wants to spend June in the mountains. Bill wants to spend June at the shore. Assuming that their daughter's health isn't an obstacle, they actually can.

(10)

- d. Roger is eager to work. Rhonda is eager to write stories. Over the holidays, they will.

(11)

- d. Elizabeth plans to learn Chinese cooking. Frank plans to learn carpentry. After retirement, they can.

(12)

- d. Rick is anxious to take computer classes. Bill is anxious to work out. Once summer comes, they will.

(13)

- d. Stan hopes to go to college. Ronnie wants to go to the Art Institute. If nothing comes up, they can.

(14)

- d. Hannah must go to school in France. Her sister must go to school in Switzerland. If nothing changes this summer, they will.

(15)

- d. Timothy is scheduled to take Neuropsychology. His brother is supposed to take Clinical Psychology. If they don't drop out of school they will.

(16)

- d. Patricia is eager to start skiing. Her friend Amy is eager to start skating. If all goes well, this December they will.

D. Experiment 4 (Forced Choice, Intervening Clause x Ellipsis/Anaphora x Connective)

(1)

- a. Carl went to college after Bill dropped out, though economic times were tough. He was scared.
- b. Carl went to college but Bill dropped out, though economic times were tough. He was scared.
- c. Carl went to college after Bill dropped out, though economic times were tough. Sally did too.
- d. Carl went to college but Bill dropped out, though economic times were tough. Sally did too.
- e. Though economic times were tough, Carl went to college after Bill dropped out. He was scared.
- f. Though economic times were tough, Carl went to college but Bill dropped out. He was scared.
- g. Though economic times were tough, Carl went to college after Bill dropped out. Sally did too.
- h. Though economic times were tough, Carl went to college but Bill dropped out. Sally did too.

(a,b,e,f) Who was scared? ["Carl", "Bill"]

(c,d,g,h) What did Sally do? ["Sally went to college.", "Sally dropped out."]

(2)

- a. Adam bought a car after Stan sold his truck, though prices were fluctuating. He was desperate for transportation.
- c. Adam bought a car after Stan sold his truck, though prices were fluctuating. Jesse did too.

(3)

- a. Max lost a race after Sam won his, though nobody paid much attention. He was exhausted.
- c. Max lost a race after Sam won his, though nobody paid much attention. Amanda did too.

(4)

- a. Roberta called the neighbors after Tammy called the police, though it turned out others already had. She was rightly concerned.
- c. Roberta called the neighbors after Tammy called the police, though it turned out others already had. Tammy's husband Tom did too.

(5)

- a. Alicia baked something for dessert after Kyra made lasagne, though nobody was hungry. She was trying to make sure there was a range of food.
- c. Alicia baked something for dessert after Kyra made lasagne, though nobody was hungry. As it turns out, Leland did too.

(6)

- a. Patti wrote a song after Mandy wrote some lyrics, though the workshop was already over. She's very creative.
- c. Patti wrote a song after Mandy wrote some lyrics, though the workshop was already over. Carson did too.

(7)

- a. Ali started dancing the tango after Paula danced the salsa, though the dance floor was mostly empty. She's very talented.
- c. Ali started dancing the tango after Paula danced the salsa, though the dance floor was mostly empty. Joseph did too.

(8)

- a. Barbara got an MA after Lisa went to fashion school in Paris, though the cost of higher education can be prohibitive. She's quite smart.
- c. Barbara got an MA after Lisa went to fashion school in Paris, though the cost of higher education can be prohibitive. Lisa's sister Martina did too.

(9)

- a. Luke ran for Treasurer after Ethan left the gun club, though they had just been profiled in the local paper. He eventually wants to be a politician.
- c. Luke ran for Treasurer after Ethan left the gun club, though they had recently been profiled in a local paper. Miranda did too.

(10)

- a. Robert took up fencing after Jack took up boxing, though neither sport is particularly glamorous. He didn't want to practice late in the evening.
- c. Robert took up fencing after Jack took up boxing, though neither sport is particularly glamorous. Sean did too.

(11)

- a. Jeremy learned French after Thomas learned Spanish, though the school no longer required foreign languages. He was a natural.
- c. Jeremy learned French after Thomas learned Spanish, though the school no longer required foreign languages. Jane did too.

(12)

- a. Aiden bought a motorcycle after Nate started racing them, though you need a special license. He likes riding in the woods.
- c. Aiden bought a motorcycle after Nate started racing them, though you need a special license. Clarissa did too.

(13)

- a. Rebecca started dressing fashionably after Susie started getting dolled up, though it was quite an expensive task. She is in reality a serious scholar.
- c. Rebecca started dressing fashionably after Susie started getting dolled up, though it was quite an expensive task. Jocelyn did too.

(14)

- a. Carmen came to the party after Darla made other plans, though it was a Tuesday night. She's more outgoing these days.
- c. Carmen came to the party after Darla made other plans, though it was a Tuesday night. Dave did too.

(15)

- a. Sophia complained about the dinner after Thea complained about everything else, though it was quite a fancy occasion. She's getting really grumpy.
- c. Sophia complained about the dinner after Thea complained about everything else, though it was quite a fancy occasion. Ted did too.

(16)

- a. Gloria ran out of the room after Sonya started crying, though no one noticed. She was really upset.
- c. Gloria ran out of the room after Sonya started crying, though no one noticed. Fiona did too.

(17)

- a. Martin quit his job after Steven accepted a position, though the company had been in the news recently. He decided he needed something new.
- c. Martin quit his job after Steven accepted a position, though the company had been in the news recently. Samantha did too.

(18)

- a. Seth went to British Columbia after Teddy got in trouble, though the new semester had only just started. He needs to visit family.
- c. Seth went to British Columbia after Teddy got in trouble, though the new semester had only just started. Rose did too.

(19)

- a. Lydia stayed home after Ruth went to the movies, though there were many errands to do. She was angry.
- c. Lydia stayed home after Ruth went to the movies, though there were many errands to do. Andrew did too.

(20)

- a. Pamela began to make sculptures after Peggy started ceramics, though the classes were all late at night. She loves it.
- c. Pamela began to make sculptures after Peggy started ceramics, though the classes were all late at night. Rick did too.

E. Experiment 5 (Naturalness Judgements, Intervening Clause x Ellipsis/Anaphora)

(1)

- a. Carl went to college, though economic times were tough. He was scared.
- b. Carl went to college. He was scared.
- c. Carl went to college, though economic times were tough. Joanna did too.
- d. Carl went to college. Joanna did too.

How natural was this passage? (Bad) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (Good)

(2)

- a. Adam bought a car, though prices were fluctuating. He was desperate for transportation.
- c. Adam bought a car, though prices were fluctuating. Jesse did too.

(3)

- a. Max lost a race, though nobody paid much attention. He was exhausted.
- c. Max lost a race, though nobody paid much attention. Sam did too.

(4)

- a. Roberta called the neighbors, though there was no need. She was rightly concerned.
- c. Roberta called the neighbors, though there was no need. Leah did too.

(5)

- a. Alicia baked something for dessert, though nobody was hungry. She was trying to make sure there was a range of food.
- c. Alicia baked something for dessert, though nobody was hungry. Leland did too.

(6)

- a. Patti wrote a song, though the workshop was already over. She's very creative.
- c. Patti wrote a song, though the workshop was already over. Carson did too.

(7)

- a. Alice started dancing the tango, though other dances are also terrific. She's very talented.
- c. Alice started dancing the tango, though other dances are also terrific. The others did too.

(8)

- a. Barbara got an MA, though her parents are not surprised. She's quite smart.
- c. Barbara got an MA, though her parents are not surprised. Lisa did too.

(9)

- a. Luke became an officer in the club, though nobody knows why. He eventually wants to be a politician.
- c. Luke became an officer in the club, though nobody knows why. Miranda did too.

(10)

- a. Robert took up fencing, though it requires excessive training. He didn't want to be a boxer.
- c. Robert took up fencing, though it requires excessive training. Sean did too.

(11)

- a. Jeremy learned French, though nobody around here plans to travel. He was a natural.
- c. Jeremy learned French, though nobody around here plans to travel. Jane did too.

(12)

- a. Aiden bought a motorcycle, though his parents are distressed. He likes riding it in the woods.
- c. Aiden bought a motorcycle, though his parents are distressed. Clarissa did too.

(13)

- a. Rebecca started dressing fashionably, though nobody at school cares about clothes. She is in reality a serious scholar.
- c. Rebecca started dressing fashionably, though nobody at school cares about clothes. Jocelyn did too.

(14)

- a. Carmen came to the party, though it was not convenient. She's more outgoing these days.
- c. Carmen came to the party, though it was not convenient. Dave did too.

(15)

- a. Sophia complained about the dinner, though it was a special occasion. She's getting really grumpy.
- c. Sophia complained about the dinner, though it was a special occasion. Ted did too.

(16)

- a. Gloria ran out of the room, though there doesn't seem to be a problem in the office. She was really upset.
- c. Gloria ran out of the room, though there doesn't seem to be a problem in the office. Fiona did too.

F. Experiment 6 (Forced Choice, Intervening Clause x *Do* Interference)

(1)

- a. Though the global economy was uncertain due to the recession, Carl went to college but Bill dropped out. Sally did too.
- b. Carl went to college but Bill dropped out, though the global economy was uncertain due to the recession. Sally did too.
- c. Though the recession brought on economic uncertainty across the globe, Carl went to college but Bill dropped out. Sally did too.
- d. Carl went to college but Bill dropped out, though the recession brought on economic uncertainty across the globe. Sally did too.

What did Sally do? ["Sally went to college.", "Sally dropped out."]

(2)

- a. Though prices were fluctuating, Adam bought a car but Stan sold his truck. Jesse did too.
- c. Though prices fluctuated, Adam bought a car but Stan sold his truck. Jesse did too.

(3)

- a. Though nobody was paying much attention, Max lost a race but Sam won his. Amanda did too.
- c. Though nobody paid much attention, Max lost a race but Sam won his. Amanda did too.

(4)

- a. Though there was no need, Roberta called the neighbors but Tammy called the police. Tammy's husband Tom did too.
- c. Though the need had passed, Roberta called the neighbors but Tammy called the police. Tammy's husband Tom did too.

(5)

- a. Though nobody was hungry, Alicia baked something for dessert but Kyra made lasagne. Leland did too.
- c. Though nobody expressed hunger, Alicia baked something for dessert but Kyra made lasagne. Leland did too.

(6)

- a. Though the workshop was already over, Patti wrote a song but Mandy wrote some lyrics. Carson did too.
- c. Though the workshop ended the day before, Patti wrote a song but Mandy wrote some lyrics. Carson did too.

(7)

- a. Though the dance floor was mostly empty, Ali started dancing the tango but Paula started doing modern interpretive dance. Joseph did too.
- c. Though the dance floor emptied, Ali started dancing the tango but Paula started doing modern interpretive dance. Joseph did too.

(8)

- a. Though the cost of higher education can be prohibitive, Barbara got an MA but Lisa went to fashion school in Paris. Lisa's sister Martina did too.
- c. Though the cost of higher education soared, Barbara got an MA but Lisa went to fashion school in Paris. Lisa's sister Martina did too.

(9)

- a. Though the organization was experiencing a drop in enrollment, Luke ran for Treasurer but Ethan actually left the gun club. Miranda did too.
- c. Though the organization experienced a drop in enrollment, Luke ran for Treasurer but Ethan actually left the gun club. Miranda did too.

(10)

- a. Though exhaustive training was entailed by both sports, Robert took up fencing but Jack took up boxing. Sean did too.
- c. Though both sports entailed exhaustive training, Robert took up fencing but Jack took up boxing. Sean did too.

(11)

- a. Though the classes were famously time-consuming, Jeremy learned French but Thomas learned Spanish. Jane did too.
- c. Though the classes took multiple hours a week, Jeremy learned French but Thomas learned Spanish. Jane did too.

(12)

- a. Though a special license was needed, Aiden bought a motorcycle but Nate started racing them. Clarissa did too.
- c. Though the law required a special license, Aiden bought a motorcycle but Nate started racing them. Clarissa did too.

(13)

- a. Though it was quite an expensive task, Rebecca started dressing fashionably but Susie started getting dolled up. Jocelyn did too.
- c. Though it cost quite a lot, Rebecca started dressing fashionably but Susie started getting dolled up. Jocelyn did too.

(14)

- a. Though it was a Tuesday night, Carmen came to the party but Darla made other plans. Dave did too.
- c. Though it happened on Tuesday night, Carmen came to the party but Darla made other plans. Dave did too.

(15)

- a. Though it was quite a fancy occasion, Sophia complained about the dinner but Thea complained about everything else. Ted did too.
- c. Though it took place on a fancy occasion, Sophia complained about the dinner but Thea complained about everything else. Ted did too.

(16)

- a. Though no one was noticing, Gloria ran out of the room but Sonya started crying. Fiona did too.
- c. Though no one noticed, Gloria ran out of the room but Sonya started crying. Fiona did too.

(17)

- a. Though the company had been in the news recently, Martin quit his job but Steven accepted a position. Samantha did too.
- c. Though the company avoided corporate exposure in the news, Martin quit his job but Steven accepted a position. Samantha did too.

(18)

- a. Though the new semester was only just starting, Seth went to British Columbia but Teddy got in trouble. Rose did too.
- c. Though the new semester had only just started, Seth went to British Columbia but Teddy got in trouble. Rose did too.

(19)

- a. Though there were many errands to do, Lydia stayed home but Ruth went to the movies. Andrew did too.
- c. Though many errands needed to be done, Lydia stayed home but Ruth went to the movies. Andrew did too.

(20)

- a. Though the classes were all late at night, Pamela began to make sculptures but Peggy started ceramics. Rick did too.
- c. Though the classes all took place late at night, Pamela began to make sculptures but Peggy started ceramics. Rick did too.

G. Experiment 7 (Naturalness Judgements, Intervening Sentence x VP Accessibility)

(1)

- a. None of the astronomers saw the comet, but John did.
- b. Seeing the comet was nearly impossible, but John did.
- c. The comet was nearly impossible to see, but John did.
- d. The comet was nearly unseeable, but John did.
- e. None of the astronomers saw the comet. It was so cloudy. But John did.
- f. The comet was nearly impossible to see. It was so cloudy. But John did.
- g. Seeing the comet was nearly impossible. It was so cloudy. But John did.
- h. The comet was nearly unseeable. It was so cloudy. But John did.

How natural was this passage? (Bad) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (Good)

(2)

- a. Few people heard the distant siren, but luckily Jane did.
- b. Hearing the distant siren was difficult, but luckily Jane did.
- c. The distant siren was difficult to hear, but luckily Jane did.
- d. The distant siren was almost unhearable, but luckily Jane did.
- e. Few people heard the distant siren. The noise of the heavy traffic was loud. But luckily Jane did.

(3)

- a. No fireman detected the faint signal, but the dogs did.
- b. Detecting the faint signal was difficult, but the dogs did.
- c. The faint signal was difficult to detect, but the dogs did.
- d. The faint signal was nearly undetectable, but the dogs did.
- e. No fireman detected the faint signal. The roar of the fire was deafening. But the dogs did.

(4)

- a. Almost nobody approached the lion, but the trainer did.
- b. Approaching the lion was nearly impossible, but the trainer did.
- c. The lion was nearly impossible to approach, but the trainer did.
- d. The lion was nearly unapproachable, but the trainer did.
- e. Almost nobody approached the lion. The situation looked so dangerous. But the trainer did.

(5)

- a. Few students solved the calculus problem, but Erica did.
- b. Solving the calculus problem was difficult, but Erica did.
- c. The calculus problem was difficult to solve, but Erica did.
- d. The calculus problem was nearly unsolvable, but Erica did.
- e. Few students solved the calculus problem. The classes that went over the material were unclear. But Erica did.

(6)

- a. Almost nobody liked the owner, but the waitress did.
- b. Liking the owner was hard, but the waitress did.
- c. The owner was hard to like, but the waitress did.
- d. The owner was nearly unlikable, but the waitress did.
- e. Almost nobody liked the owner. It was his surly demeanor. But the waitress did.

(7)

- a. Very few visitors found Puffer's Pond, but Pierre did.
- b. Finding Puffer's Pond was difficult, but Pierre did.
- c. Puffer's Pond was difficult to find, but Pierre did.
- d. Puffer's Pond was almost unfindable, but Pierre did.
- e. Very few visitors found Puffer's Pond. The turnoff was hidden away off the main routes. But Pierre did.

(8)

- a. Almost nobody verified the applicants' credentials, but this week Higgins did.
- b. Verifying the applicants' credentials was rare, but this week Higgins did.
- c. The applicants' credentials were seldom verified, but this week Higgins did.
- d. The applicants' credentials were nearly unverifiable, but this week Higgins did.
- e. Almost nobody verified the applicants' credentials. There were very sloppy procedures. But this week Higgins did.

(9)

- a. Few people loved Fiona, but luckily Max did.
- b. Loving Fiona was difficult, but luckily Max did.
- c. Fiona was difficult to love, but luckily Max did.
- d. Fiona as almost unlovable, but luckily Max did.
- e. Few people loved Fiona. Perhaps it was because she was so loud. But luckily Max did.

(10)

- a. Few wrestlers beat Joe, but in the end Sam did.
- b. Beating Joe was nearly impossible, but in the end Sam did.
- c. Joe was nearly impossible to beat, but in the end Sam did.
- d. Joe was almost unbeatable, but in the end Sam did.
- e. Few wrestlers beat Joe. He had such outstanding technique. But in the end Sam did.

(11)

- a. Almost nobody predicted the direction of the tornado, but Channel 7 did.
- b. Predicting the direction of the tornado was difficult, but Channel 7 did.
- c. The direction of the tornado was difficult to predict, but Channel 7 did.
- d. The direction of the tornado was nearly unpredictable, but Channel 7 did.
- e. Almost nobody predicted the direction of the tornado. The effects of the melting glaciers on the water temperature was complicated. But Channel 7 did.

(12)

- a. Almost nobody identified the source of the odor, but Lisa did.
- b. Identifying the source of the odor was difficult, but Lisa did.
- c. The source of the odor was difficult to identify, but Lisa did.
- d. The source of the odor was nearly unidentifiable, but Lisa did.
- e. Almost nobody identified the source of the odor. It was such an uncommon gas. But Lisa did.

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- a. Few people mentioned the scandal, but today Tom did.
- b. Mentioning the scandal was unusual, but today Tom did.
- c. The scandal was seldom mentioned, but today Tom did.
- d. The scandal was nearly unmentionable, but today Tom did.
- e. Few people mentioned the scandal. It was bad for the reputation of the company. But today Tom did.

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- a. Almost no one noticed the hidden cameras, but today the secretary did.
- b. Noticing the hidden cameras was rare, but today the secretary did.
- c. The hidden cameras were seldom noticed, but today the secretary did.
- d. The hidden cameras were almost unnoticeable, but today the secretary did.
- e. Almost no one noticed the hidden cameras. There were elaborate decorations in front of them. But today the secretary did.

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- a. Few people tolerated Jim's antics, but Sally did.
- b. Tolerating Jim's antics was hard, but Sally did.
- c. Jim's antics were hard to tolerate, but Sally did.
- d. Jim's antics were nearly intolerable, but Sally did.
- e. Few people tolerated Jim's antics. He was so obnoxious in general. But Sally did.

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- a. Few people thought about the scale of the problem, but Ben did.
- b. Thinking about the scale of the problem was rare, but Ben did.
- c. The scale of the problem was rarely thought about, but Ben did.
- d. The scale of the problem was nearly unthinkable, but Ben did.
- e. Few people thought about the scale of the problem. It was due to its sheer complexity.
But Ben did.