

Participant Error in Online Production Data Collection in Gorilla

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Study Background/Method

- * BAG-raising production (/æ/ → raised / _g)
- * Participants
 - * 50 English speakers from Ontario + Colorado, plus
 - * 11 Exclusions due to recording issues
 - * 28 exclusions for failing to meet inclusion criteria
- * Word list reading task
 - * Participants were presented with a stimulus and asked to read it once
 - * 10 seconds to read the word, if they finished early, they could click 'done' to end the trial
 - * They clicked 'next' to proceed to the next trial

Motivation for the experiment design

- * Feedback from speaker for a previous perception experiment (Kang & Sullivan, 2020)
- * Recordings was completed in Gorilla; data quality was sufficient for manipulation
- * 2 sessions
- * Feedback from session 1 resulted in changes to the task design in experiment 2

Session 1

- * Speaker had 10 seconds to say each word, then the experiment automatically proceeded to the next word
- * Participant could not end a trial early
- * Speaker feedback
 - * 10 seconds is long, it would be nice to end early
 - * It would also be good if the participant could stop the procedure

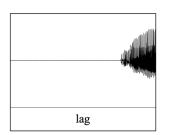
Session 2

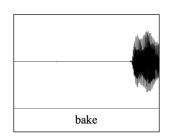
- Speaker had 10 seconds to record, but they could click 'done' to end the recording if they finished early
- * Participant controlled movement between trials by clicking 'next' to proceed to the following trial
- * Speaker preferred this version of the experiment
- * This was, therefore, used for the BAG-raising study

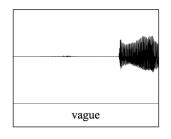
BAG-Raising

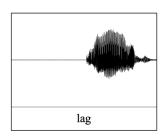
- Concerns about data quality due to lack of control over recording devices and environments
 - * Required participants to use personal computers only
 - * Recording quality was not a major concern
 - * Only 2 participants excluded due to issues of recording quality
 - * Another 2 excluded due to corrupt data files
 - * Total 6.6% of participants who met inclusion criteria (4/61)

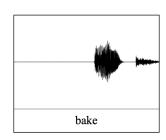
Incomplete Recordings

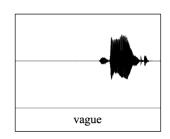












- Most participants who were excluded
 (7) were recorded due to incomplete recordings
- Participants clicked done before they had finished speaking
- * In addition to excluding 7 participants entirely, many tokens from the included participants had to be excluded for this reason
 - Of the 620 (3.4%) tokens excluded, the vast majority were for incomplete recordings
 - * <10 tokens excluded for 70% of participants</p>
 - * >20 tokens for 20% of participants

Solutions

- * Going back to design 1 (no option to stop) doesn't seem feasible
- * Participants need enough time to say the word, and re-say it if they make an error
- * Time give to complete the task could be reduced, but by how much
- * It would also be possible to disable the 'next' button for the first few seconds
- * This wouldn't be a perfect solution, but it would reduce the number of exclusions, at least for participants who are speaking right away

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