

For this task, a person had to read each sentence aloud and then remember the last word of each sentence. First are provided the words from the word lists used in the experiments. Then, the first set of sentences is those in which the last word rhymed. The second set of sentences is those in which the last word did not rhyme.

Similar condition (Experiments 1 and 2)

weird	beard	jeered				
run	son	one				
thistle	missile	whistle				
shirt	flirt	hurt	dirt			
address	confess	distress	mistress			
honey	funny	sunny	bunny			
go	so	throw	glow	crow		
laugh	staff	half	draft	calf		
fought	bought	caught	sought	taught		
fat	that	sat	rat	hat	pat	
squeal	deal	wheel	meal	feel	steal	
stone	bone	clone	phone	moan	own	
will	pill	thrill	kill	spill	chill	drill
him	rhythm	slim	gym	swim	limb	dim
crate	bait	fate	date	hate	mate	weight

Dissimilar condition (Experiments 1 and 2)

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Similar condition (Experiment 2)

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stout	bout	out			
her	fur	blur			
time	dime	crime	lime		
wonder	under	blunder	thunder		
mouse	spouse	house	blouse		
my	cry	high	buy	fly	

you	flew	clue	new	true		
squat	hot	shot	dot	plot		
work	clerk	jerk	smirk	perk	quirk	
jump	dump	stump	bump	pump	clump	
talk	chalk	walk	balk	hawk	stalk	
shut	cut	rut	gut	hut	mutt	what
hit	fit	bit	sit	split	mitt	spit
man	can	hand	stand	tan	ban	fan\

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my	clump	blouse				
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mutt	bit	hot	dime			
thunder	house	blur	work			
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thirst	fly	mitt	rut	ban		
dot	cut	wonderman		you		
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Materials used for reading span

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On the desk where she wrote her letters was a clutter of objects coated in dust. I imagined that he had been thinking things over while the secretary was with us.

Filled with these dreary forebodings, I fearfully opened the heavy wooden door. When I got to the big tobacco field I saw that it had not suffered any more.

According to the results from the survey, Robert Redford is the most liked Hollywood star. He tolerated another intrusion and thought himself to have the most patience by far. There are days when the city where I live wakes in the morning and seems bizarre.

All students that received an A on the midterm were exempt from any further testing. After winning the championship, the team celebrated for an entire week without resting. The boisterous laughter of the children erupted when they learned that he was only jesting.

I was so surprised at this unaccountable apparition, that I was speechless for a while.

In comparison to his earlier works, the musician had developed a unique and enthralling style. I'm not certain what went wrong but I think it was because he was cruel and vile.

The devastating effects of the flood were not fully realized until months passed. Jane's relatives had decided that her gentleman friend was not one of high class. The rain and howling wind kept beating against the rattling window glass. The woman hesitated for a moment to taste the onions because her husband had to fast.

A small oil lamp burned on the floor and two men crouched against a wall, watching me. And now that a man had died some unimaginably different state of affairs must come to be. He covered her mouth with both hands to keep anyone from hearing her plea. The announcement of it would resound throughout the world, penetrate across the remotest sea.

He pursued this theme, still pretending to seek for information to quiet his own fear. The young business executive was determined to develop his housing projects within the year. The taxi turned up Michigan Avenue, where they had a clear view of the pier. John became annoyed with Karen's bad habits of smoking and drinking too much beer.

The brilliant trial attorney dazzled the jury with her astute knowledge of the case. Slicing it out carefully with his knife, he folded it without creasing the face. I will not shock my readers with a description of the cold-blooded butchery that took place. When in trouble, children naturally hope for a miraculous intervention by a man from space. He stuffed his jacket into his pants and fastened the seatbelt before the race.

The sound of an approaching train woke him, and he started to his feet. One problem is that there appears to be no defense against someone who wants to cheat. The lieutenant sat beside the man with the walkie-talkie and stared out at the entire fleet. He stood there at the edge of the crowd while they were singing, and he tried to remain discrete. The old lady talked to her new neighbor on her weekly walks down the street.

The weather was very unpredictable that summer so no one made plans too far in advance. The only plausible explanation was that the use of steroids led to her abilities becoming enhanced. Clenching his fists even tighter, he steadied himself while waiting in his stance. The entire town buzzed about the rumors of the politician's controversial romance. These splendid melancholy eyes were turned upon me from the mirror with a fleeting glance.

The keynote speaker was inarticulate, not well read, and I became incredibly bored. The words of human love have been used by the saints to describe their vision of the lord. With shocked amazement and appalled fascination Marion looked at the sword. He listened carefully because he had the weird impression that he knew the chord. In a flash of fatigue and fantasy, he saw a fat Indian sitting beside him in the ward. He had seen his father put it away on many occasions, he knew exactly where the gun was stored.

It is possible, of course, that life did not arise on the earth at all.

The reader may suppose that I had other motives, besides the desire to escape the law. He laughed sarcastically and looked as if he could have poisoned me for that flaw. The poor lady was thoroughly persuaded that she was not long to survive this fall. Standing across from the outlaw, he knew that at any moment he would have to draw. Despite the unusually calm weather, the campers were weary of a possible squall.

Due to his gross inadequacies as director, the board demanded that he resign. The basic characteristic of the heroes in the preceding stories is that they were divine. Without tension there could be no balance either in nature or in mechanical design. He sometimes considered suicide but the thought was too oppressive to remain in his mind. Circumstantial evidence indicated that the two rival gangs were conspiring to align. His wife bawled upon hearing of the tumor, even though he told her it was benign.

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The family panicked when the batteries in the remote control were out of power.  
The only good thing about waking up this early was having hot water in the shower.  
It was such a beautiful day that he stopped on his way to work to admire a flower.

She was furious when they delivered her new end table and she saw that it had a notch.  
There was nothing that he enjoyed more than finishing off an entire bottle of scotch.  
She hated these nights, all the shows were reruns and there was nothing to watch.

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Rumors were spreading about him and he wanted to find out who was the source.  
The cowboy carefully adjusted the saddle and reigns before getting on his horse.

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The strawberry cheesecake tasted so wonderful, she felt it was pure bliss.  
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Many women fantasize about falling in love with a handsome man who is rich.  
The kids looked around suspiciously, they were trying to figure out who was the snitch.  
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The cigarette was flung out the window and landed on the side of the road in a ditch.

He was wakened in the morning by a wet slobbery kiss from his dog.  
The other kids at school teased her all the time and said she looked like a hog.  
The intensity of the fire was starting to dwindle so he added another log.  
He had worked in the harbor for years, but he still wasn't used to the fog.  
The cousins thought back about when they were young and played near the bog.

The cruise ship was heading right for him, he had no choice but to jump from his boat.  
After the party it was still warm, so he walked outside without his coat.  
She did not mind having a runny nose, but she couldn't stand the sore throat.  
The barbarians charged the castle recklessly and some of them fell into the moat.  
Even though he saw it with his own eyes, he still couldn't believe that the raft could float.  
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After scoring low on a test, the child was permanently labeled as dumb.  
Not wanting to hand out any money, Sean avoided eye contact with the bum.  
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She devoured the entire bag of cookies without missing a single crumb.  
At the fruit stand she picked out some tomatoes, an orange, and a plum.  
My dog listens to me almost all of the time, except when I tell him to come.

He decided that it was about time for a diet, his pants were really feeling tight.  
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