Children's comprehension of apparently irrelevant and underinformative utterances

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Report of collaborative visit: Davies and Matthews to Morisseau

In this second project meeting, Davies and Matthews visited Morisseau at the L2C2 lab in Lyon. The visit had two broad aims; (A) to review the pilot data collected since the last meeting in April, and (B) to refine the experimental design in light of the pilot results in order that testing can proceed after the summer.

Both aims were achieved. Members of the collaboration reviewed video footage and data from pilot testing sessions and resolved methodological issues allowing the study to be run with 3- as well as 5-year-olds. We also ensured all experimental items were counterbalanced and materials optimal, finalised the procedure for collecting complementary production data, and discussed appropriate statistical analyses to be performed at our next meeting in December. The experiment will be run on around 60 participants in Lyon from September 2010.