

APPENDIX

1. Syntactic Ambiguity:

Structural Ambiguity	<p>Data 1:</p> <p>Waiter: These are the best eggs we've had for years.</p> <p>Diner: Well, bring me some you haven't had around for that long.</p> <p>Data 2:</p> <p>"Mother, I want to grow up and be a rock-n-roll musician."</p> <p>"Now son, you have to pick one or the other. You can't do both."</p> <p>Data 3:</p> <p>My friend said he knew a man with a wooden leg named Smith.</p> <p>So I asked him "What was the name of his other leg?"</p>
Categorial Ambiguity	<p>Data 4:</p> <p>Teacher: "Sam, what is the outside of a tree called?"</p> <p>Sam: "I don't know."</p> <p>Teacher: "Bark, Sam, bark."</p> <p>Sam: "Bow, wow, wow!"</p>

	<p>Data 5:</p> <p>A nun is undressing for a bath and while she's standing naked, there's a knock at the door. The nun calls, "Who is it?"</p> <p>A voice answers, "A blind salesman."</p> <p>The nun decides to get a thrill by having the blind man in the room while she's naked so she lets him in. The man walks in, looks straight at the nun and says, "Uhhhh, well hello there, can I sell you a blind, dearie...?"</p>
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2. Semantic Ambiguity

<p>Lexical Ambiguity</p>	<p>Data 6:</p> <p>Teacher: "Give me a sentence with an 'object' in it."</p> <p>Student: "Teacher, you are the most beautiful lady I have ever seen."</p> <p>Teacher: "Thank you, but what's the 'object'?"</p> <p>Student: "I'd like to go home a little earlier today"</p> <p>Data 7:</p> <p>There were three little boys visiting their grandparents.</p> <p>The oldest came out and asked his grandpa, "Can you make a sound like a frog, Grandpappy?"</p> <p>Grandpa (being in a kind of ill mood) responds, "No, I don't</p>
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really want to make the sound of a frog now.”

So, the second little boy comes out and asks his grandfather,

“Will you please make a sound like a frog?”

Grandpa again says, “No, not now. I don't really want to do that. I'm in a grumpy mood. Maybe later.”

Then the third little boy comes out and says, “Grandpa, oh please... please, please will you make a sound like a frog?”

“Why do all of you boys want me to make a sound like a frog?”

Grandpa asked.

The little boy replied with a hopeful face, “Well, Mom said that when you **croak** we get to go to Disney World!”

Data 8:

Son : Daddy, have you ever been to Egypt?

Father : No. Why do you ask that?

Son : Well, where did you get **mummy** then?

Data 9:

Dancer : “Can't you **stretch** the music a little longer—just a dance or two more?”

Band Leader: “Sorry, sir. This isn't a rubber band!”

Data 10:

The girl asked her lover, "Darling, if we get engaged, will you

	<p>give me a ring?"</p> <p>"Sure, " replied her lover "What's your phone number?"</p> <p>Data 11:</p> <p>A little nine year old girl was in church with her mother when she started feeling ill. "Mommy," she said. "Can we leave now?" "No," her mother replied.</p> <p>"Well, I think I have to throw up!"</p> <p>"Then go out the front door and to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush." In about two minutes the little girl returned to her seat.</p> <p>"Did you throw up?" her mother asked. "Yes," the little girl replied.</p> <p>"Well, how could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and return so quickly?"</p> <p>"I didn't have to go out of the church, Mommy." the little girl replied.</p> <p>"They have a box next to the front door that says, 'For the sick'</p>
<p>Referential Ambiguity</p>	<p>Data 12:</p> <p>A man speaks frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant, and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"</p> <p>"Is this her first child?" the doctor queries.</p> <p>"No, you <i>idiot</i>" the man shouts. "This is her <i>husband!</i>"</p>

	<p>Data 13:</p> <p>A woman and her little girl were visiting the grave of the little girl’s grandmother. On their way through the cemetery back to the car, the little girl asked, “Mommy, do they ever bury two people in the same grave?”</p> <p>“Of course not, dear.” replied the mother, “Why would you think that?”</p> <p>“The tombstone back there said ‘Here lies a lawyer and an honest man’.”</p> <p>Data 14:</p> <p>Little Brother: "If you broke your arm in two places, what would you do?"</p> <p>Boy: "I wouldn't go back to those two places, that's for sure."</p>
<p>Elliptical Ambiguity</p>	<p>Data 15:</p> <p>Teacher asks the children to discuss what their dad do for a living.</p> <p>Little Mary says: “My Dad is a lawyer. He puts the bad guys in jail.”</p> <p>Little Jack says: “My Dad is a doctor. He makes all the sick people better.”</p> <p>All the kids in the class had their turn except Little Johnny.</p> <p>Teacher says: “Johnny, what does your Dad do?”</p>

Johnny says: "My Dad is dead."

"I'm sorry to hear that, but **what did he do before he died?**"

"He turned blue and shat on the carpet."

Data 16:

A Sunday school teacher asked her first graders.

"Where is God?"

The room was filled with children that raised their hands to respond.

"Okay, Mary, Where is God?"

"He is everywhere,"

"Very good that's right."

But still there were two children that didn't put their hands down,

so the teacher continued.

"Okay, Michael, Where is God?"

"God is inside me."

"Very good that's right."

Now there was one boy sitting in the back of the class waiving his hand.

He was the last child with his hand up, so the teacher called on him.

"Okay, Danny, Where is God?"

"He's in our bathroom."

Well the teacher just had to ask, "How do you know he's in the bathroom?"

The answer came, "Every morning my father knocks on the bathroom door and says,

'My God are you still in there?'"

Data 17:

"Doctor, please hurry. My son swallowed a razor-blade."

"Don't panic, I'm coming immediately. **Have you done anything yet ?**"

"Yea, I shaved with the electric razor."

Data 18:

An excited man calls the fire department and says, "Help me, my house is on fire!!"

The fireman says, "Where do you live?"

The man replies, "I am too excited, I can't tell you the exact address."

The fireman asks, **"How do you expect us to get there?"**

The man replies, "What do you mean 'how'? The big red truck"

Data 19:

"Doctor, doctor, **will I be able to play the violin after the operation?**"

	"Yes, of course..."
	"Great! I never could before!"

3. Phonological Ambiguity

	<p>Data 20:</p> <p>A: What do you call a deer with no eyes?</p> <p>B: No idea. (No Eye Deer.)</p> <p>A: What do you call a dead deer with no eyes?</p> <p>B: Still no idea.</p> <p>Data 21:</p> <p>A bus load of tourists arrives at Runnymede. They gather around the guide who says, "This is the spot where the barons forced King John to sign the Magna Carta."</p> <p>A fellow at the front of the crowd asks, "When did that happen?"</p> <p>"1215," answers the guide.</p> <p>The man looks at his watch and says, "Damn! Just missed it by a half hour!"</p> <p>Data 22:</p> <p>A sixth grade class is doing some spelling drills. The teacher asks Tommy if he can spell 'before.' He stands up and says,</p> <p>"Before, B-E-P-H-O-R."</p>
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The teacher says, "No, that's wrong. Can anyone else spell before?"

Another little boy stands up and says, "Before, B-E-F-O-O-R."

Again the teacher says, "No, that's wrong." The teacher asks, "Little Johnny, can you spell 'before'?"

Little Johnny stands up and says, "Before, B-E-F-O-R-E."

"Excellent Johnny, now can you use it in a sentence?"

Little Johnny says, "That's easy. Two plus two **be fore**."

Data 23:

Big Brother: "That planet over there is **Mars**."

Little Brother: "Then that other one must be Pa's."