Source Data for Models of Vocabulary Acquisition from Extensive Reading

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Comments

The data for this work is based on a survey of papers on extensive reading and vocabulary. Most prior studies that were located were included, regardless of some missing data. As a bare minimum to be included, the work needed to state the number of words tested, the number that were already known, and the number that were learnt. Experiments with texts that were easy for the participants, consisting of substitute words or completely unfamiliar words, such as the *nadsat* words in *A Clockwork Orange* [13] were also included. Two studies are responsible for two data points ([2, 12]). Some studies failed to state the number of words that were read, and where these could be estimated based on a number of pages, or other details, we have done so. For example, Animal Farm's total number of words was estimated by counting the number of pages, number of lines per page and approximate number of words per line of a particular edition of the work [4]. However, other studies could not be included as it wasn't possible to give a reasonable estimate.

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