

YOUR GENDER MAY LEAD YOU DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

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ABSTRACT

The paper investigates the possible effects of gender on the detection of garden path sentences from ungrammatical ones. Participants of the mentioned study were 47 girls and 47 boys who were students of General English Course at Sharif University of Technology. They were required to sit for a grammaticality judgment test given to them as a questionnaire to specify whether the sentences were grammatical or not. The paper indicates that gender has a significant effect on an individual's recognition of garden path sentences from ungrammatical ones.

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