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# Using emotional scripts to generate and validate a set of emotion verbs

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Information about everyday emotional experiences is integrated into internal scripts (e.g. Shaver et al., 1987). Script content provides a context within which to compare and subsequently interpret newly experienced, emotional stimuli, such as facial expressions and behaviours. We explore whether this internal context may also be used to interpret emotional words. In particular, we argue that the 'meaning' of emotional verbs may be strongly context-dependent (e.g. Schacht & Sommer, 2009). Harnessing previous context-based methods, we define verb meaning by the degree of association between the behaviours to which they refer and discrete emotional states (e.g. 'fear'), within emotional scripts (Stevenson, Mikels & James, 2007). We used a self-generation method to derive a set of verbs that participants associated with six universal, emotional states (study 1; see full list in appendix A). Emotion labels acted as script anchors. For each verb, degree of emotionality and discrete association were measured by the number of participants who generated that word. As expected, a different modal exemplar was generated for each discrete emotion. In study 2 we used a rating task to assess the stability of the relationship between modal, or typical, verbs and the emotion label to which they had been generated. Verbs and labels were embedded in a sentence and participants were invited to reflect on their emotional attributions in everyday life to rate the association ('If you are feeling 'sad' how likely would you be to act in the following way?' e.g. 'cry'). Findings suggest that typical relationships were robust. Participants always gave higher ratings to typical vs. atypical verb and label pairings even when (a) rating direction was manipulated (the label or verb appeared first in the sentence), and (b) the typical behaviours were to be performed by themselves or others ('If someone is sad, how likely are they to act in the following way?' e.g. 'cry'). Our findings suggest that emotion scripts create verb meaning, and therefore provide a context within which to interpret emotional words. We provide a set of emotion verbs that are robustly associated with discrete, emotional labels/states. This resource may be used by a variety of researchers, including those interested in categorical processing of emotional words and language-mediated facial mimicry.

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## 23 **Introduction**

24 Emotional ‘scripts’ are built through individual experience. When we encounter emotion-relevant  
25 scenarios, we store salient information in an internal repository. According to both construction and  
26 componential theories of emotional attribution, this information facilitates our interpretation of  
27 subsequent emotional events that we observe or experience (e.g. Scherer, 1984; Smith & Ellsworth,  
28 1985; Barrett, Lindquist & Gendron, 2007). Scripts are likely diagnostic because information is  
29 structured around ‘hubs’ that correspond to discrete, basic emotion states (e.g. ‘sadness’, Fehr &  
30 Russell, 1984; Shaver et al., 1987; Russell, 1991). Providing an external analogue, researchers find that  
31 the categorisation of emotional faces is skewed when participants are presented with explicit, semantic  
32 information about the actor (e.g. Fernandez-Dols, Wallbott & Sanchez, 1991; Carroll & Russell, 1996).  
33 For example, when participants are told that ‘Sally is due to attend a funeral’ they are more likely to  
34 provide a scenario-congruent categorisation for her facial expression e.g. ‘sad’. These trends also  
35 emerge when participants draw directly on their personal emotional scripts to generate their own  
36 explanation for why the actor might be feeling a particular emotion (e.g. Halberstadt & Niedenthal,  
37 2001, Halberstadt, 2005).

38 Together, these findings demonstrate that interpretation of emotion stimuli (e.g. faces) may be driven  
39 by a comparison process, between the current emotion-relevant information a person holds about a  
40 situation and their existing script content e.g. ‘Sally is going to a funeral; when I went to a funeral I  
41 experienced sadness’. In this case, the individual behaviour derives emotional meaning via the strength  
42 of connection between that behaviour and linked, discrete emotional states (e.g. ‘sadness’). Connection  
43 strength is dictated by the number of times we have witnessed or experienced this particular behaviour  
44 in conjunction with each discrete emotion state. Given inevitable variability in individuals’ experience  
45 of emotion, the same behaviour may be tied to several discrete emotions; in addition to ‘sadness’,

46 attending a funeral might also make us feel ‘anger’, ‘relief’ or ‘fear’, dependent on the present  
47 circumstances (e.g. Pavlenko, 2008; Lindquist & Gendron, 2013).

48 We may also use our scripts as an internal context to interpret other forms of emotional stimuli, for  
49 example, emotional words. Characterising emotional words in this way differs from standard,  
50 dimensional methods, where emotionality is measured via valence and arousal ratings (e.g. how  
51 positive/negative or emotionally charged a word is e.g. Lang, Bradley & Cuthbert, 1990; Bradley &  
52 Lang, 1999). However, adopting a context-based approach makes theoretical sense as words arguably  
53 underpin conceptual knowledge (Pavlenko, 2008). In particular, constructionist’s suggest that words  
54 act as referents or counterparts for individuals’ script components, constructing, organising and re-  
55 activating content (e.g. Lindquist et al., 2006; Barrett, Lindquist & Gendron, 2007; see also Vigliocco  
56 et al., 2009).

57 Some researchers already provide ‘contextualised’, or categorical ratings for emotion words (e.g.  
58 Stevenson, Mikels & James, 2007; Briesemeister, Kuchinke & Jacobs., 2011a). In Stevenson, Mikels  
59 & James’ (2007) study participants were asked to rate each word in the ANEW database (adjectives,  
60 verbs and nouns; Bradley & Lang, 1999), based on extent of association with the basic states of  
61 happiness, sadness, anger, fear and disgust. Here discrete emotional states, denoted by a label, provides  
62 a script anchor and participant ratings indicate the strength of association between script components  
63 (emotion labels and script referents/ANEW words). Ratings demonstrated that 44.54% of the 1,034  
64 words were strongly related to one or several discrete emotion labels of a similar valence.

65 Briesemeister, Kuchinke & Jacobs, (2011a, ‘Discrete Emotion Norms for Nouns’) produced similar  
66 findings when using the same rating method with German nouns included in the Berlin Affective Word  
67 List (Vö, Jacobs & Conrad, 2006; Vö et al., 2009). When Stevenson, Mikels and James (2007)  
68 criterion was applied, 25.18% of the words within DENN-BAWL could be discretely categorised.

69 Importantly, subsequent work shows that discrete ratings for both English and German words could be  
70 used to predict lexical decision latencies (e.g. Briesemeister Kuchinke & Jacobs, 2011a; 2011b; 2014).  
71 In particular, words strongly related to the discrete state of happiness were processed faster than neutral  
72 words and words associated with negative discrete categories, like disgust, fear (Briesemeister,  
73 Kuchinke & Jacobs, 2011a) and anger (Briesemeister, Kuchinke & Jacobs 2011b). Briesemeister,  
74 Kuchinke & Jacobs, (2014) confirmed that facilitation was not simply related to the positive valence of  
75 these stimuli. Temporally dissociable ERP components were found when participants processed  
76 positively valenced, arousal-matched words that were rated as high or low in happiness association.  
77 Consistent with our predictions then, ratings based on connection strengths between components in  
78 emotion scripts may provide an alternative way to assess the emotional meaning of words  
79 (Briesemeister, Kuchinke & Jacobs, 2011a; Silva et al., 2012). In addition, various researchers  
80 advocate a combined method (e.g. Russell, 2005; Stevenson & James, 2008), showing more accurate  
81 prediction of lexical decision latencies when they have both categorical and dimensional ratings for  
82 emotional word stimuli (e.g. Briesemeister, Kuchinke & Jacobs, 2011b, 2014).

83 We argue that these context-based, or categorical methods may be particularly useful for characterising  
84 the meaning of emotional verbs. Emotion verbs, or emotion-related words, are defined by Pavlenko  
85 (2008) as words which describe behaviours related to a particular emotional state, without naming the  
86 emotion itself. It is not yet possible to test this proposal as investigations using the DENN-BAWL  
87 focus exclusively on emotional nouns (Briesemeister, Kuchinke & Jacobs 2011a, Briesemeister,  
88 Kuckinke & Jacobs 2014) and it is unclear whether Briesemeister, Kuchinke and Jacobs (2011b)  
89 equally sampled nouns, verbs and adjectives from Stevenson, Mikels and James' (2007) categorisation  
90 of the ANEW. However, various findings suggest that verb meaning is context-dependent. Researchers  
91 commonly observe that the intended meaning of a verb is only extracted when that verb is inserted in a

92 ‘sentence-based context’, which provides additional details e.g. agent and object information, (Schacht  
93 & Sommer, 2009; Ferstl, Garnham & Manouilido, 2011). To provide a relevant example, the verb  
94 ‘jump’ might have positive or negative connotations, as someone might ‘jump for joy’ but could  
95 equally jump in reaction to a surprising or fearful stimulus. Emotional meaning is easier to interpret  
96 when we know that the actor jumped because ‘the car crashed into the nearby lamppost.’ In this case,  
97 the ‘jump(ing)’ behaviour is likely related to ‘fear’. In contrast, emotional nouns, like ‘cancer’, ‘death’  
98 and ‘funeral’ all hold unambiguous, negative connotations, even when presented in isolation (e.g.  
99 Pavlenko, 2008).

101 Physiological evidence supports the notion that emotional meaning is extracted slower from emotional  
102 verbs, than other types of word, when presented in isolation. Comparing across paradigms, the event-  
103 related potentials commonly associated with early and late semantic processing of single emotional  
104 words (e.g. Herbert et al., 2006) are commonly evidenced at a later onset for emotional verbs (Schacht  
105 & Sommer, 2009; Palazova et al., 2011) than for emotional nouns (e.g. Kanske & Kotz, 2007; Kissler  
106 et al., 2007) or adjectives (Herbert et al., 2006; Herbert, Junghöfer & Kissler, 2008). However, Schacht  
107 and Sommer (2009) reported Early Posterior Negative (EPN) and Late Positive Complex (LPC) onsets  
108 comparable to those for emotional nouns and adjectives when a contextual manipulation was applied  
109 for verbs. Here participants responded to a verb preceded by a noun (e.g. ‘lover-kiss’). Schacht and  
110 Sommer (2009) argue that the preceding noun improved participants’ ability to extract the intended  
111 meaning from test verbs during a lexical decision task. Applying a similar manipulation, Palazova,  
112 Sommer and Schacht (2013) found comparable EPN onsets when emotional verbs referred to more  
113 concrete (vs. abstract), context-invariant behaviours (e.g. to dance/sleep vs. to like/hope, Palazova,  
114 Sommer & Schacht, 2013).



115 Last, verbs may hold particularly strong or multi-faceted relationships with their behavioural script  
116 components. While emotion verbs may accrue meaning in ways similar to other abstract words e.g. via  
117 their experiential script links (Vigliocco et al., 2009); understanding may also be driven by sensory-  
118 motor activations (e.g. Halberstadt et al., 2009; Foroni & Semin, 2009). Various findings suggest that  
119 similar brain areas become active when processing concrete verbs and their referent actions (e.g. areas  
120 of the visual, premotor and motor cortices, Pulvermüller, 1999). Observed activations are specific  
121 (Hauk, Johnsrude & Pulvermüller, 2004); the word ‘smile’ activates face-specific regions responsible  
122 for performing that expression (e.g. Niedenthal et al., 2009) and this mimicry helps us to understand  
123 these expressions when shown by other actors (e.g. Foroni & Semin, 2009; Halberstadt et al., 2009) In  
124 sum, in contrast to other types of emotion word, verbs may exhibit two types of connection with script  
125 components, making the script-based context more important for construction and extraction of verb  
126 meaning.

127 The aim of the present work is to explore how a script-based context contributes to emotional verb  
128 meaning and interpretation. During a self-generation task we assessed whether emotion labels (e.g.  
129 ‘sad’) could act as script-anchors to elicit verbs representative of the actions that we would normally  
130 associate with these emotional states (study 1). As such, emotional meaning is captured by the strength  
131 of connection between labels and verbs, mirroring the way meaning is inferred from the connection  
132 between behaviours and emotional states. In our second study we used a rating task to assess the  
133 robustness of the typical verb-to-label connections, generated during study 1.

134 This work provides relevant research communities (e.g. researchers interested in both emotion and  
135 language processing) with a database of verbs related to each discrete emotion label (study 1). This  
136 database will be supplemented with ratings to show how robust these script-based associations remain  
137 when further contextual manipulations are applied (study 2).

## 138 **Study 1- Identifying verbs within the emotional script**

139 In study 1 we use emotion labels as script anchors to identify relevant verbs. Following Stevenson,  
140 Mikels and James., (2007) and Briesemeister, Kuchinke and Jacobs, (2011a), we present the universal,  
141 basic emotion labels introduced by Ekman (1992; ('happiness', 'sadness', fear', 'anger', 'disgust' and  
142 'surprise'). We reason that these states should hold the strongest relationships with diagnostic  
143 behavioural components (e.g. Shaver et al., 1987).

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145 Rather than use a rating task, we asked participants to self-generate all the single-word actions that they  
146 associated with each discrete emotional state (see Cree & McRae, 2003 and Vigliocco et al., 2004 for  
147 similar methods). By encouraging participants to engage separately with each emotion label we hoped  
148 to widen the breadth of the stimulus set. Rating methods can be criticised for producing a 'happiness  
149 asymmetry', wherein a large number of words are associated with happiness, but far fewer words are  
150 associated with discrete, negative states (e.g. Stevenson, Mikels & James, 2007; Briesemeister,  
151 Kuchinke & Jacobs, 2011a). In the present task we measure the strength of association between labels  
152 and verbs based on the frequency of participants who endorse the pair (e.g. Vigliocco et al., 2004).

153 We acknowledge that similar methods have been used to elicit related emotional script components,  
154 such as action-readiness and tendency items (Smith & Ellsworth, 1985; Frijda, 1986; Frijda, Kuipers &  
155 Ter Schure, 1989). However, these items usually refer to a general anticipatory state that the individual  
156 enters after appraising an emotionally salient event (Frijda, 1986). Therefore these items are generally  
157 dissociable from the concrete, overt behaviours derived in the present study, which may be viewed as  
158 the eventual behavioural consequence of experiencing such states. We argue that the single-word  
159 behaviours elicited here are more compatible for use in future word processing studies, such as lexical  
160 decision tasks.

161 **Method**

162 *Ethics*

163 This research is subject to ethical guidelines set out by the British Psychological Society (1993) and  
164 was approved by the School of Psychology's ethics committee, at the University of Leeds (reference  
165 number: 13-0032, date of approval: 24/02/2013).

166 *Participants*

167 Twenty-five participants (17 female, 8 male) generated emotional verbs. Participants had a mean age of  
168 27.24 (SD=7.63) and all reported themselves to be native English speakers (7 participants spoke a  
169 second language, though did not consider themselves fluent). An opportunity recruitment method was  
170 used. Participants responded to links posted on research recruitment websites and completed the study  
171 online (e.g. [www.psych.hanover.edu/research/exponnet.html](http://www.psych.hanover.edu/research/exponnet.html); [www.onlinepsychresearch.co.uk](http://www.onlinepsychresearch.co.uk);  
172 [www.in-mind.org/content/online-research](http://www.in-mind.org/content/online-research); [www.reddit.com/r/SampleSize](http://www.reddit.com/r/SampleSize)).

173 *Procedure*

174 All materials, including informed consent items, were presented using the Survey Monkey platform  
175 ([www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com), Survey Monkey Inc. Palo Alto, California, USA). Participants were  
176 required to tick boxes to confirm that they understood task instructions and gave their informed consent  
177 to take part. Participants were then asked to carefully read the definition of an emotion-related word, or  
178 verb (taken from Pavlenko, 2008). Definitions were edited to include relevant examples.

179 *'Emotion-related' words are used to describe behaviours related to a particular emotional state,*  
180 *without naming the actual emotion. For example, the word 'cry' might describe the behaviour of*  
181 *someone feeling sad while the word 'laugh' may describe behaviour of somebody who is happy.'*

182 Participants were directed to six basic emotion labels, listed below the definition ('sad', 'happy',  
183 'anger', 'disgust', 'surprise' and 'fear', Ekman, 1992). They were asked to generate as many emotion  
184 verbs as they could which were related to each basic label. Separate boxes were provided for  
185 participants to type their examples. Participants were instructed to provide single-word answers and to  
186 avoid label synonyms or adverbs (e.g. 'sadness', 'sadly'). They were also discouraged from using the  
187 internet to generate responses. Participants were asked to work on the basic labels sequentially and  
188 labels were presented in a randomised order across participants. There was no time limit imposed on  
189 word generation.

#### 190 **Results: Data modifications and modal exemplars**

191 In total, participants generated 362 unique words in response to all six emotion labels. On average,  
192 participants generated 27.32 words each during the task (SD = 15.18). We parsed the data in various  
193 ways to produce a set of emotion verbs that were modally associated with one or more emotional  
194 labels. The Cambridge Online English Dictionary and Thesaurus (<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>)  
195 were used to make these modifications (see McEvoy & Nelson, 1982 and Doost et al., 1999 for similar  
196 methods). First, words were omitted from the set if (a) they were not classified as verbs (e.g. tearful),  
197 or (b) were synonyms for the emotion label itself (e.g. confused). Second, multiple-word responses or  
198 phrases were only retained if they could be simplified to a single word with the same or similar  
199 meaning, for example, 'sharp intake or breath' was replaced with 'gasp'. Third, merging techniques  
200 were used either when participants provided grammatical derivatives or plurals of the same word (e.g.  
201 'ran', 'run', 'runs', 'running', 'ran away') or generated synonyms for verbs that had already been  
202 provided by themselves or others (e.g. 'shout' or 'yell'). In the former case, plurals were changed to  
203 their singular form and grammatical derivatives were merged and represented by the simplest version,  
204 provided their meaning did not change (e.g. 'run').

205 For non-derivative words, stricter criteria were imposed. Verbs were only classed as synonymous if  
206 there was evidence of forward and backward association e.g. when 'laugh' was entered into the  
207 thesaurus 'giggle' was given as a synonym, and when 'giggle' was entered into the thesaurus, 'laugh'  
208 was given as a synonym. We were mindful that some verbs could have multiple meanings when  
209 presented in isolation (e.g. Schacht & Sommer, 2009). For example, the verb 'jump' could mean 'to  
210 leap, spring or skip', to 'recoil' or 'to avoid'. In these cases participants' intended meaning was  
211 discerned by considering the emotion label to which the word had most frequently been given. As the  
212 word 'jump' was frequently generated in response to the labels 'surprise' and 'fear' it went unmerged  
213 with 'skip', which although a synonym, was only given in response to the label 'happy'. Here we  
214 considered that the two words likely had a different intended meaning, each congruent with the core  
215 emotion concept to which they had been modally generated.

216 Where merging occurred, frequencies for both/all verbs were added together. For non-derivative  
217 synonyms the dominant response was retained, based on existing frequencies (i.e. the verb given by the  
218 highest number of participants). This exemplar became the 'core' verb and non-dominant responses  
219 were subsumed and became 'subsidiary' verbs. For example, in response to the label 'sad', 'cry'  
220 became a dominant, core verb, and the synonyms 'weep' and 'sob' became subsidiaries. The number  
221 of participants who generated the verbs 'cry', 'weep' and 'sob' were added together to provide a  
222 frequency total for the core verb ('cry'). Note that frequencies could exceed 25 if participants had  
223 provided both core and subsidiary verbs in response to the same emotion label.

224 As a final step we removed any remaining, unmerged idiosyncratic verbs, generated by only one  
225 participant during the task (159 words). These idiosyncratic responses accounted for 69.43% of the  
226 remaining responses (idiosyncratic + core + subsidiary + 'modal'). Here 'modal' refers to a verb that  
227 was generated by two or more participants, but was not synonymous with other responses and did not

228 undergo merging procedures. Therefore, they differ from ‘core’ and ‘subsidiary’ verbs. Following  
229 removal of idiosyncratic responses, there were 51 unique modal verbs (15 of which were core verbs),  
230 and 19 subsidiary verbs. This final selection represents 21.82% of the total number of unique words  
231 originally generated.

232 The top three most frequently given verbs, per emotion label, are shown in Table 1. Response  
233 frequencies are shown in parenthesis, in the second column. For core verbs this frequency also includes  
234 the number of participants who generated subsidiary verbs (listed in the table). Frequencies above 25  
235 occur when a majority of participants gave both the core exemplar and a synonym (subsidiary verb) in  
236 response to the emotion label. The full set of emotion verbs (core, subsidiary and modal), are provided  
237 in the Appendix A.

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242 Analyzing by exemplar, 78.43% of all core, subsidiary and modal verbs were generated in response to  
243 one emotion label only, leaving 21.57% that were generated for multiple labels. This distinction was  
244 present even for the most frequently generated verbs, displayed in Table 1. When only these exemplars  
245 were considered, 15.79% represented the most frequent responses for more than one emotion label and  
246 68.75% were generated by at least two participants in response to one of more other emotion labels.  
247 These findings support the work of Stevenson, Mikels and James, (2007). In their study, although  
248 44.54% of ANEW words obtained ratings to suggest that they could be categorised according to

249 discrete emotions, 22.70% of these words were associated with two or more emotion labels,  
250 representing an analogue to the ‘overlapping’ exemplars in the present study.

## 251 **Discussion**

252 In the present study we explored the idea that ‘context’, in the form of an emotional script, is an  
253 important determinant of meaning for emotional verbs and behaviours (e.g. Vigliocco et al., 2009). In  
254 both cases the emotional meaning of a particular verb or behaviour is determined by its relative  
255 connection strength with the discrete emotional states/labels that act as script hubs. We harnessed  
256 ‘connection strength’ by measuring the degree to which discrete emotion labels (e.g. ‘sad’) cued  
257 generation of emotion verbs. Using this method we have developed a set of emotion verbs that  
258 participants associated with one or more discrete emotion labels. We suggest possible uses for our  
259 stimuli in the general discussion.

260 Finding that participants generated a moderate proportion of overlapping verbs supports the suggestion  
261 that people view a select number of behaviours as stereotypically emotional, and that the same verbs  
262 are linked to emotional states by a matter of degree (e.g. Lindquist & Gendron, 2013). However, in  
263 some cases a similar number of participants endorsed the same verb for multiple emotion labels; the  
264 verb ‘frown’ was associated with the labels ‘sad’ and ‘disgust’ with similar frequency. Here, the  
265 relative strength of connection between label and verb is insufficient for driving discrete categorisation  
266 of ‘frowning’ behaviours. Building on a previous argument, behaviours and verbs may not simply  
267 accrue emotional meaning via their direct connection to an emotional state, but as a result of a  
268 constellation of connections with other elements within the emotional script, and the power of these  
269 linked elements to provide cumulative evidence for the experience of a discrete emotional state (e.g.  
270 precipitating events, Scherer, 1984). This parallels the argument made for interpreting experiences of

271 generic, physiological emotional arousal, or ‘core affect’ (e.g. Russell & Barrett, 1999; Lindquist &  
272 Barrett, 2008) and extends the proposal to include more specific behaviours.

273 Findings suggest that additional knowledge, or script activation, may be particularly important for  
274 interpreting crying behaviours (e.g. sobbing and weeping). These synonymous responses were  
275 frequently given as exemplars in response to the ‘sad’, ‘anger’ and ‘fear’ labels, and also by a smaller  
276 number of participants in response to the ‘happy’ and ‘surprise’ labels. However, we cannot be sure  
277 whether frequent endorsement reflects context-dependence or the explicit use of the example ‘cry’ in  
278 task instructions. To aid understanding, participants were shown the verbs ‘cry’ and ‘smile’ as valid  
279 behavioural examples of ‘sadness’ and ‘happiness’, respectively. As both of these verb-to-label  
280 pairings were frequently endorsed it is unclear whether they were spontaneously delivered. Study 2  
281 will explicitly address this issue. Here we use a rating task to assess the robustness of the most frequent  
282 verb-to-label associations generated during study 1.

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293 **Study 2- Examining emotion category and behaviour associations under conditions of contextual**  
294 **variability**

295 In study 2 we assess (a) the typicality of self-generated verbs, and (b) the stability of the verb-to-label  
296 associations. We adopt a rating task, similar to Stevenson, Mikels and James, (2007), in which  
297 participants rate the relationship between the six most frequently generated verbs, and each discrete,  
298 emotion label. However, in our task participants were provided with meaningful sentences, which  
299 invited them to engage their own script knowledge to rate the association (e.g. ‘if you see someone  
300 ‘recoil’ how likely are you to think that they are feeling the following emotion?...’disgust’). Primarily,  
301 we would expect ratings to indicate a closer conceptual relationship between verbs and the discrete  
302 label to which they have (most frequently) been generated. However, we apply two further  
303 manipulations to assess the robustness of these associations.

304 First, we varied rating direction (i.e. whether participants made a verb-to-category, or category-to-verb  
305 association). The following is an example of a verb to category rating: ‘if you see someone cry, how  
306 likely are you to think that they feel sad?’. Researchers commonly evaluate semantic relationships by  
307 measuring both the ‘forward’ and ‘backward’ associations between category labels and exemplars (e.g.  
308 Nelson, McEvoy & Schreiber, 2004).

309 Second, we asked participants to rate verb/category pairings from both a first person perspective (e.g.,  
310 “If you are crying, how likely is it that you are feeling sad?”) and a third person perspective. (e.g., “if  
311 someone is crying, how likely are they to be feeling sad?”). Previous research suggests that language  
312 use differs when participants predict the likelihood to which a stable trait applies to in-group vs. out-  
313 group members (Maas, Salvi, Arcuri & Semin, 1989). Specifically, participants use concrete language  
314 to infer stronger associations between traits in out-group members. Similarly, participants may view

315 stronger associations between emotional states and overt behaviours when they adopt a third person  
316 perspective. This may reflect participants' inclination to view a simpler mapping between behaviours  
317 and emotions for other people, than for themselves. Self-knowledge about script content may  
318 complicate the mapping when participants use first-person instructions (e.g. 'people tend to act this  
319 way when they are feeling a certain emotion, but when I was feeling happy I didn't act that way').  
320 Therefore, we predicted that participants would show more variability in their ratings, in both  
321 directions, when taking their own perspectives rather than someone else's.

## 322 **Method**

### 323 *Ethics*

324 This research is subject to ethical guidelines set out by the British Psychological Society (1993) and  
325 was approved by the School of Psychology's ethics committee, at the University of Leeds (reference  
326 number: 13-0032, date of approval: 24/02/2013). As before, informed consent items were embedded in  
327 the online survey and participants gave their consent by ticking a series of boxes.

### 328 *Design*

329 A 2 (instruction perspective: first or third person, between) x 2 (rating direction: category to verb or  
330 verb to category, between) x 2 (Typicality: typical or atypical label/verb pairing, within) mixed  
331 factorial design was employed. The instruction perspective factor manipulated whether participants  
332 received first-person perspective instructions ('if you are feeling\_\_\_, how likely are you to act in the  
333 following way?' e.g. 'cry') or third person perspective instructions ('if someone is feeling\_\_\_, how  
334 likely are they to act in the following way?' e.g. 'cry'). The rating direction factor manipulated whether  
335 participants rated associations in a verb-to-category direction ('if you are crying, how likely are you to  
336 be feeling the following emotion?' e.g. 'sad') or a category-to-verb direction ('if you are sad, how

337 likely are you to act in the following way' e.g. 'cry'). Participants each made 36 ratings, based on all  
338 combinations of six discrete emotion labels and the verbs nominated most frequently in response to  
339 each of these labels during study 1. Self-generation data from study 1 were used to determine whether  
340 emotion label / verb pairings were typical (e.g. six pairs, 'Happy' and 'Smile'), or atypical (30 pairs,  
341 e.g. 'Sad' and 'Smile').

342 Participants were presented with an open-ended sentence for each rating, which included either an  
343 emotion label or verb e.g. 'if you are feeling *sad*, how likely are you to act in the following way?'.  
344 Participants were invited to substitute each of the six verbs (or labels) into the end of this sentence (e.g.  
345 'cry'), and to provide a likelihood rating for each label/verb pairing. After all six ratings were  
346 submitted, participants were presented with the next open-ended sentence, which included a new label  
347 (or verb). Overall, participants made ratings in six, separate label or verb-driven blocks. Block order  
348 was counterbalanced across participants. Within a particular block, participants encountered each of the  
349 six ratings in a fixed order that was randomly assigned. Therefore, rating order was the same for all  
350 participants who completed that particular task.

### 351 *Participants*

352 Forty participants each completed the task using first-person perspective instructions (25 female, Mean  
353 age = 26.48, SD = 8.97) and third-person perspective instructions (29 female, Mean age = 27.53, SD =  
354 9.47). Forty participants completed tasks that required category-to-verb ratings (31 female, Mean age =  
355 25.65, SD = 9.56) and forty completed tasks that required verb-to-category ratings (29 female, Mean  
356 age = 28.35, SD = 8.70).

357 Participants indicated whether they spoke any languages in addition to English and estimated how  
358 many years they had been able to do so. Those judged to be fluent bilinguals or multi-linguals were  
359 omitted from the sample. An opportunity recruitment method was used; participants responded online,

360 to links posted on social media sites (see Study 1 method). The study was presented using the Survey  
361 Monkey platform ([www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com), Survey Monkey Inc. Palo Alto, California, USA). There  
362 was no time limit imposed.

### 363 *Materials*

364 We re-used the six basic emotion labels from study one ('Fear', 'Happy', 'Sad', 'Disgust', 'Anger' and  
365 'Surprise', e.g. Ekman, 1992). The most frequently generated verbs for each emotion label were  
366 selected from the self-generation data. They were as follows: Scream (matched with Anger); Smile  
367 (Happy), Cry (Sad), Recoil (Disgust), Hide (Fear) and Jump (Surprise).

### 368 *Procedure*

369 Each participant was randomly assigned to one of the four between-participants conditions of the 2  
370 (instruction perspective) x 2 (rating direction) design. Ratings to each question were made on a five-  
371 point Likert-style scale, anchored 'Very Unlikely' (1) to 'Very Likely' (5). All participants were  
372 presented with the same combination of emotion label and verb pairings and made 36 ratings in total.

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## 375 **Results**

### 376 *Data preparation*

377 For each emotion label, two mean ratings were calculated per participant. The 'typical' mean was the  
378 rating given to the most typical label and verb pairing, derived from the self-generation data (e.g. 'cry'  
379 and 'sad'). The five remaining ratings given by the participant were averaged to produce an 'atypical'  
380 score (mean scores for the full set of 36 label/verb ratings are shown in Appendix B).

381 *Analysis*

382 A 2 (instruction perspective: first or third) x 2 (rating direction: category to verb or verb to category) x  
383 6 (category: sad, anger, happy, disgust, surprise, fear) x 2 (typicality: typical or non-atypical) mixed  
384 factorial ANOVA was performed. Instruction perspective and rating direction were between-subjects  
385 factors. Main effects and interactions are displayed in Table 2. We focus on interactions with the  
386 typicality factor for the remainder of the results section. ‘Typicality’ reflects the strength of  
387 relationship between emotion verbs/behaviours and emotion labels/states (operationalised here as high  
388 or low), and therefore, the script-based emotional meaning of verbs.

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390 [Insert Table 2 here]

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393 *Validation of self-generation data:*

394 Participants gave significantly higher likelihood ratings to typical pairings ( $M = 4.31$ ,  $SD = 0.56$ ), than  
395 summed atypical, pairings ( $M = 2.56$ ,  $SD = 0.49$ ), on a scale from 1-5. This finding provides further  
396 support for the label-verb associations derived from the self-generation data (study 1). The effect was  
397 qualified by a significant interaction with emotion category; therefore the effect of typicality was  
398 investigated separately for each discrete, emotion category (see Table 3). All six paired samples t-tests  
399 were significant and in the anticipated direction (typical category/verb pairings were regarded as  
400 significantly more likely than summed, atypical pairings), so the interaction likely reflects general  
401 differences between emotions in strength of association with verbs, all effects being conventionally  
402 large ( $d > 0.8$ ). The fact that typicality predictions were supported for the ‘happy’ / ‘laugh’ and ‘sad’ /

403 'cry' pairings indicate that these associations were not generated simply as a result of their inclusion in  
404 task instructions for study 1.

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406 [Insert Table 3 here]

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408 *Further manipulations and typicality ratings.*

409 *Rating Direction*

410 There was a significant three way interaction between typicality, rating direction and emotion category.

411 The two way interaction between typicality and rating direction was explored for each emotion  
412 category in turn (see Table 4).

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414 [Insert Table 4 here]

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416 The interaction between typicality and direction rating was only significant for the 'Sad' and 'Fear'  
417 categories.

418 Interactions followed a similar pattern for both emotion categories. As predicted, paired samples t-tests  
419 showed that participants gave significantly higher likelihood ratings to typical vs. atypical pairs, for  
420 both verb-to-category pairings [ $t_{\text{sad}}(39) = 24.12, p < 0.001, d = 5.33$ ;  $t_{\text{fear}}(39) = 12.74, p < 0.001, d =$   
421  $2.30$ ], and category-to-verb pairings [ $t_{\text{sad}}(38) = 13.34, p < 0.001, d = 2.51$ ;  $t_{\text{fear}}(38) = 6.98, p < 0.001, d$   
422  $= 1.10$ ]. Independent samples t-tests showed that participants rated atypical pairs similarly, independent  
423 of rating direction, [ $t_{\text{sad}}(74) = -0.079, p = 0.94$ ;  $t_{\text{fear}}(84) = -0.16, p = 0.88$ ], but gave significantly higher

424 ratings to typical exemplars following verb-to-category pairings than category-to-verb pairings,  
425 [ $t_{\text{sad}}(84) = -2.06, p = 0.043, d = 0.68$ ;  $t_{\text{fear}}(84) = -2.004, p = 0.048, d = 0.59$ ]. In sum, for ‘Fear’ and  
426 ‘Sad’ categories, typical pairings were given comparatively higher likelihood ratings following verb-  
427 to-category vs. category-to-verb instructions.

428

429 *Instruction perspective*

430 Critically, there were no significant interactions between instruction perspective and typicality, or  
431 instruction perspective, typicality and category ( $p > 0.10$ ).

432 However, the overall interaction between instruction perspective, rating direction, typicality and  
433 category was significant (see descriptive statistics in Table 5).

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435 [Insert Table 5 here]

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437 To explore this interaction separate 2 (Instruction perspective: first; third) by 2 (Typicality: typical;  
438 atypical) by 2 (Direction Rating: category-to-verb; verb-to-category) mixed analyses of variance were  
439 conducted for each emotion category, separately. There was a marginal interaction for one category

440 only: Disgust,  $F(1,82) = 8.71, \text{MSE} = 0.79, p = 0.004, \eta_p^2 = 0.097^1$ .

<sup>1</sup>To explore this marginal interaction, separate 2(direction rating: category-to-verb; verb-to-category) by 2(Typicality: typical; atypical) mixed analyses of variance were conducted for disgust ratings, for participants who received first and third person instructions, respectively. This interaction was significant for participants who received first-person instructions,  $F(1, 37) = 13.06, \text{MSE} = 0.65, p = 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.26$ , but not for those who received third person instructions,  $F(1, 37) = 0.45, \text{MSE} = 0.93, p = 0.51, \eta_p^2 = 0.012$ .

Paired samples t-tests revealed that, independent of direction rating, participants who had received first person instructions always suggested that they would be more likely to display the typical behaviour of ‘recoiling’ as opposed to summed, atypical behaviours, [ $t_{\text{category-to-verb}}(18) = 3.90, p = 0.001, d = 1.20$ ;  $t_{\text{verb-to-category}}(19) = 12.13, p < 0.001, d = 3.37$ .] While independent t-tests showed that these participants rated atypical behaviours similarly in both rating directions [ $t(37) = 1.84, p = 0.074$ ], they gave significantly higher ratings to the typical behaviour when embedded in verb-to-category versus category-to-verb sentences,  $t(37) = 2.70, p = 0.010, d = 0.89$ .

441

442 ***Discussion***

443 Findings suggest that the current manipulations had little impact on the way emotional scripts were  
444 used to infer verb meaning. In general, participants were still more likely to associate verbs, or  
445 behaviours, with the emotional state to which they had been typically associated, independent of  
446 instruction perspective and rating direction. These findings validate the verb-to-label pairings  
447 generated during study one, supporting the notion that the self-generation task effectively probed script  
448 content. They also suggest that there is stability in the way we use internal scripts to infer meaning  
449 from emotional verbs, and therefore, their referent behaviours, in everyday situations. Interestingly,  
450 scripts were used similarly for emotional attribution in the self and others.

451 One further finding should be highlighted. When participants adopted a verb-to-category vs. a  
452 category-to-verb rating direction, there was a higher likelihood that they would view stronger  
453 associations between typical behaviours and the emotional states of sadness and fear. This trend was  
454 also present for the label 'disgust' and typical behaviour of 'recoiling', but only when the pairing was  
455 considered from a first-person perspective (see footnote 2). This is suggestive of the wider influence of  
456 culture on script construction and use (e.g. Wierzbicka, 1994; Barrett, Mesquita & Gendron, 2011). In  
457 Western societies, at least, people are often encouraged to mask or attempt to regulate emotional states  
458 that may cause them to be perceived as weak in public e.g. sadness and fear (e.g. Wierzbicka, 1994). If  
459 people see clear signs of these emotional behaviours then the attribution process may be more  
460 automatic. A justification may follow: 'I/they must be feeling very sad if they/I feel the need to  
461 cry/hide away in public.' In sum, while the present data robustly confirm that there is stability in the  
462 way we use 'internal scripts' to infer meaning from emotional behaviours, they also suggest that script  
463 construction and use are susceptible to the influence of a wider context (e.g. cultural norms, Barrett,



464 Mesquita & Gendron, 2011). Alike the internal ‘context’, the external context also aids our  
465 interpretation of emotional behaviours, bringing our expectations in line with societal norms (e.g.  
466 Lindquist, 2009).

467

## 468 **General Discussion**

469 We harnessed the emotional script to generate a set of emotional verbs that participants associated with  
470 six basic emotion labels. The relationship between linguistic components (e.g. basic labels and verbs)  
471 should reflect the way emotional behaviours and states are linked in an individuals’ emotional script  
472 (e.g. Vigliocco et al., 2009). Verbs were elicited from participants using a self-generation task (study  
473 1, see also Smith & Ellsworth, 1985; Frijda., 1986). This method allowed us to assess ‘verb meaning’ as  
474 a function of connection strength between those verbs and the basic emotion labels to which they were  
475 generated (e.g. ‘sad’). Via this conceptualisation, verbs provided by a larger number of participants  
476 may be viewed as stronger in discrete emotional meaning. Using a rating task (study 2) we confirmed  
477 that verbs most frequently elicited in study 1 were more likely to be associated with the emotion label  
478 to which they had been generated (typical exemplar), than to other emotion labels (non-typical  
479 exemplars). This rating task was constructed to mimic real-world situations in which participants  
480 would use scripts to make emotional attribution, demonstrating that the self-generation task effectively  
481 tapped script content. Typical pairs also retained rating dominance when two further sentence-based  
482 manipulations were applied (rating direction and person perspective). This suggests a degree of  
483 robustness in the way emotional scripts are used.

484 Using a context-based method to define the emotionality of single-word stimuli complements previous  
485 work (Stevenson, Mikels & James, 2007; Briesemeister, Kunchinke & Jacobs, 2011a). This approach,  
486 and the data produced, provides an alternative way to select emotional stimuli, in contrast to the

487 dominant method of using widely available, decontextualized valence and arousal ratings (e.g. Bradley  
488 & Lang, 1999). All emotion verbs generated in study 1 are included in the appendix A, alongside raw  
489 frequencies to indicate the number of participants who generated the verb in response to each emotion  
490 label. We also indicate whether the verb can be considered a ‘core’ exemplar, a ‘subsidiary’ exemplar  
491 (i.e. a synonym for the selected ‘core’ exemplar) or a modal exemplar (a unique, non-synonymous  
492 response). Similar to the databases provided by Stevenson, James and Mikels (2007) and  
493 Briesemeister, Kuchinke and Jacobs (2011a) this set contains both category discrete verbs (generated  
494 in response to one emotion label, only) and overlapping exemplars (generated in response to multiple  
495 emotion labels). These words can be used by researchers in various ways. Discrete exemplars are  
496 useful when researchers want to prime or activate script-knowledge relevant to one particular  
497 emotional state. Using the frequencies we provide, researchers may chose discrete exemplars that are  
498 weakly or strongly related to this emotion (see Briesemeister, Kuchinke & Jacobs, 2011a;  
499 Briesemeister, Kuchinke & Jacobs, 2014). In contrast, overlapping exemplars may be used to prime  
500 undifferentiated script knowledge, relevant to emotional states that share positive or negative valence.  
501 Researchers also have the potential to widen the set of discrete exemplars available to them. In order to  
502 ensure that the verb ‘cry’ activates knowledge relevant to the concept of ‘sadness’, researchers could  
503 adopt Schacht and Sommers (2009) methodology. Here the word pair ‘sad’ and ‘cry’ would be  
504 presented and participants would only respond to the verb in the pair. Our data can be used to identify  
505 congruent label/verb pairs for this type of paradigm.

506 In contrast to action readiness/tendency items (e.g. Frijda, 1986), our single-word stimuli are  
507 compatible for use in lexical decision tasks. This paradigm has been used in previous attempts to  
508 validate categorical, or context-based characterisation of emotional words (e.g. Briesemeister,  
509 Kuchinke & Jacobs 2011a; Briesemeister, Kuchinke & Jacobs., 2014). This type of task has also been

510 used frequently to compare processing of different types of emotional word (e.g. adjectives, nouns and  
511 verbs, Palazova et al., 2011). Various other paradigms have also been used for this purpose, for  
512 example, De Houwer's (2003) affective Simon task (Altarriba & Basnight-Brown, 2010) and the rapid  
513 serial visual presentation task (Knickbocker & Altarriba, 2013). These tasks have predominantly  
514 compared emotionality effects for emotional nouns and adjectives (Pavlenko, 2008); therefore, our  
515 stimulus set provides a way to extend such investigations to include a third class of emotional word.

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517 The present stimuli will also be useful for those interested in language-mediated facial mimicry (e.g.  
518 Foroni & Semin, 2009; Halberstadt et al., 2009). Researchers report that participants simulate facial  
519 expressions of emotion when they encounter emotion words (e.g. Foroni & Semin, 2009). Crucially,  
520 facial mimicry has been associated with enhanced processing of subsequently presented emotional  
521 stimuli e.g. valence-congruent sentences (e.g. Havas, Glenberg & Rinck, 2006) and facial expressions,  
522 displayed by another actor (e.g. Halberstadt et al., 2009). Based on an 'embodiment' argument, we  
523 might expect emotion verbs to more strongly elicit congruent facial mimicry, given the strong pairing  
524 between action words and their sensory-motor representations (e.g. Hauk, Johnsrude & Pulvermüller,  
525 2004). However, few studies incorporate verbs and those that do find inconsistent evidence for a verb  
526 (vs. adjective) advantage (Foroni & Semin, 2009; Halberstadt et al., 2009). These findings may reflect  
527 inconsistent use of linguistic stimuli. Our database will provide researchers with a larger set of verbs  
528 from which to select stimuli. As our stimuli are parsed according to discrete emotional states, careful  
529 selection will allow researchers to assess whether language-mediated facial mimicry is 'category-  
530 specific' (e.g. reading a verb associated with 'fear' specifically induces mimicry in features category-  
531 diagnostic of 'fear', Ponari et al., 2012), as opposed to valence-congruent (e.g. reading any negatively  
532 valenced emotional word induces a similar pattern of negative mimicry). In sum, our database will

533 allow tighter control of emotional verb selection for use with English speaking participants, across a  
534 range of paradigms.

535 As well as practical implications, our findings have theoretical relevance. They support several facets  
536 of construction and componential models of emotional interpretation; both of which emphasise use of  
537 the emotional script to interpret emotional stimuli (e.g. Scherer, 1984; Smith & Ellsworth, 1985;  
538 Barrett, Lindquist & Gendron, 2007). First, finding a combination of unique and overlapping verbs in  
539 study 1 is consistent with both accounts. Each theory acknowledges that the majority of behaviours  
540 will be more strongly associated with one discrete emotion as a matter of degree (e.g. Lindquist, 2009;  
541 Frijda, Kuipers & Ter Schure, 1989). However, they also highlight the multi-faceted and intra-  
542 individual nature of script content (e.g. Scherer, 1984; Pavlenko, 2008; Lindquist & Gendron, 2013).  
543 For example, scripts contain knowledge of previously-experienced precipitating events and  
544 consequences of experiencing a particular emotional state, as well as cognitive appraisal of those  
545 events (Smith & Ellsworth, 1985). Supporting our observations in study 2, these components will often  
546 be shaped by the societal or cultural norms applicable to the individual (e.g. Barrett, Mesquita &  
547 Gendron, 2011). As a result, emotional interpretation relies on the summation of various cues available  
548 at the time of perception, meaning that behavioural cues alone are often insufficient for discrete  
549 categorisation (e.g. Smith & Ellsworth, 1985). Utilising findings from the present study, these  
550 additional cues are likely necessary when we need to discretely categorise quintessential or ‘frequent’  
551 emotional behaviours, such as crying (e.g. Lindquist & Gendron, 2013).

552 In conclusion, we provide a set of verbs representative of behaviours that people associate with six,  
553 discrete emotion states. We methodologically harnessed the emotional script as a ‘context’ for both the  
554 generation of verbs (study 1) and the validation of typical exemplars, per emotion category (study 2).  
555 Our stimulus set is similar to other word databases that contain categorical or context-based norms (e.g.

556 Stevenson, Mikels & James, 2007). Therefore our words may similarly be used to explore categorical  
557 processing of emotional stimuli. In addition, use of emotion verbs may be particularly appealing for  
558 those who wish to compare emotionality effects across different classes of word, or explore language-  
559 mediated facial mimicry.

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683 *Table 1: Top three, most frequently generated verbs for each emotion label, presented alongside subsidiary responses. Response frequencies for the most*  
684 *frequent verbs are presented within parenthesis in the second column.*

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Emotion Label	Most frequent Verbs (response frequency)	Corresponding, subsidiary verbs (core verb)
Anger	Scream (34); Hit (13); Cry (7)	Shout/Yell/Shriek (scream); punch (hit); sob/weep (cry)
Happy	Smile (27); Laugh (20); Dance (10)	Grin (smile); Giggle (laugh); Skip (dance)
Sad	Cry (23); Frown (9), Withdraw (7)	Sob/Weep (cry); Grimace (Frown);
Disgust	Recoil (7); Frown (6); Gag/Vomit (5 each)	Cringe (Recoil); Grimace (Frown); Retch (Gag)
Fear	Hide/Run (13 each); Shiver (11); Cry (9)	Avoid (Hide); Shake (Shiver); Sob/Weep (cry)
Surprise	Jump (15); Gasp (13); Scream (12)	Inhale/Sharp Intake (Gasp); Shout/Yell/Shriek (Scream)

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692 Table 2: Main effects and interactions for the mixed factor ANOVA (italics denote significant and marginal results  $p < 0.1$ ). Greenhouse-Geisser  
 693 corrections were applied for 'Category' and 'Category\*Typicality' effects.

<i>Effect</i>	<i>DF</i>	<i>MSE</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>P</i>	$\eta_p^2$
<i>Category</i>	<i>(4.34, 325.24)</i>	<i>0.53</i>	<i>18.93</i>	<i>&lt; 0.001*</i>	<i>0.20</i>
<i>Typicality</i>	<i>(1,75)</i>	<i>1.04</i>	<i>696.35</i>	<i>&lt; 0.001*</i>	<i>0.90</i>
<i>Instruction Perspective</i>	<i>(1,75)</i>	<i>2.05</i>	<i>6.19</i>	<i>&lt; 0.015*</i>	<i>0.08</i>
<i>Rating Direction</i>	<i>(1,75)</i>	<i>2.05</i>	<i>5.50</i>	<i>&lt; 0.022*</i>	<i>0.07</i>
Category*Instruction Perspective	(4.34, 325.54)	0.53	1.42	0.23	0.02
Category*Rating Direction	(4.34, 325.54)	0.53	0.28	0.90	0.004
Typicality*Instruction Perspective	(1,75)	1.04	0.08	0.77	0.001
Typicality*Rating Direction	(1,75)	1.04	1.25	0.27	0.016
<i>Category*Typicality</i>	<i>(4.25, 318.60)</i>	<i>0.45</i>	<i>26.79</i>	<i>&lt; 0.001*</i>	<i>0.34</i>
Instruction perspective*Rating Direction	(1,75)	2.05	0.37	0.55	0.005
Category*Instruction Perspective*Rating Direction	(4.34, 325.24)	0.45	0.90	0.47	0.012
Typicality*Instruction Perspectives*Rating Direction	(1, 75)	1.04	1.37	0.25	0.018
Category*Typicality*Instruction Perspective	(4.25, 318.60)	0.45	0.90	0.47	0.0012
<i>Category*Typicality*Rating Direction</i>	<i>(4.25, 318.60)</i>	<i>0.45</i>	<i>3.84</i>	<i>0.004*</i>	<i>0.049</i>
<i>Category*Typicality*Instruction Perspective*Rating Direction</i>	<i>(4.25, 318.60)</i>	<i>0.45</i>	<i>3.43</i>	<i>0.008*</i>	<i>0.044</i>

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696 Table 3: Mean typical and atypical ratings, *t*, *p* and *d* statistics for each emotion category. Degrees of Freedom were always (1,78).

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Emotion Category	Typical Mean (SD)	Atypical Mean (SD)	<i>t</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>d</i>
Happy	4.78 (0.47)	2.29 (0.75)	24.24	< 0.001	4.0
Surprise	4.08 (1.11)	3.03 (0.66)	9.06	< 0.001	1.58
Sad	4.47 (0.81)	2.19 (0.55)	23.86	< 0.001	3.31
Fear	4.35 (0.80)	3.22 (0.70)	13.04	< 0.001	1.51
Anger	3.96 (1.02)	2.37 (0.67)	13.22	< 0.001	1.85
Disgust	4.20 (1.03)	2.25 (0.72)	13.12	< 0.001	2.21
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4.31 (0.87)</b>	<b>2.56 (0.68)</b>	-	-	-

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703 Table 4: Mean verb-to-category (*v-to-c*) and category-to-verb ratings (*c-to-v*), by typicality and emotion category. *F*, *p* and  $\eta_p^2$  statistics are displayed for  
704 each interaction. Significant interactions are starred ( $p < 0.05$ ). Degrees of Freedom were always (1,77).

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Category	Mean C-to-V rating (SD)		Mean V-to-C rating (SD)		<i>F</i>	<i>MSE</i>	<i>p</i>	$\eta_p^2$
	Typical	Atypical	Typical	Atypical				
Happy	4.77 (0.54)	2.10 (0.77)	4.80 (0.41)	2.47 (0.70)	2.73	0.41	0.10	0.034
Surprise	3.97 (1.18)	2.97 (0.79)	4.18 (1.03)	3.08 (0.51)	0.18	0.54	0.67	0.002
Sad	4.21 (1.00)	2.18 (0.59)	4.73 (0.45)	2.20 (0.51)	7.40	0.33	0.008*	0.088
Fear	4.13 (0.98)	3.19 (0.74)	4.58 (0.50)	3.25 (0.66)	5.32	0.29	0.024*	0.065
Anger	3.90 (0.97)	2.17 (0.67)	4.03 (1.07)	2.58 (0.61)	1.37	0.57	0.25	0.017
Disgust	4.00 (1.03)	2.30 (0.66)	4.40 (1.01)	2.20 (0.78)	2.91	0.86	0.092	0.036
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4.16 (0.95)</b>	<b>2.49 (0.70)</b>	<b>4.45 (0.75)</b>	<b>2.63 (0.63)</b>	-	-	-	-

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711 *Table 5: Mean third-person and first-person perspective ratings, by rating direction, typicality and emotion category (standard deviations in*  
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Emotion Category	First person ratings (SD)				Third person ratings (SD)			
	Category-to-Verb		Verb-to-Category		Category-to-Verb		Verb-to-Category	
	Typical	Atypical	Typical	Atypical	Typical	Atypical	Typical	Atypical
Happy	4.70 (0.66)	1.98 (0.84)	4.73 (0.45)	2.22 (0.70)	4.85 (0.37)	2.20 (0.68)	4.85 (0.37)	2.70 (0.67)
Surprise	3.95 (1.23)	2.74 (0.95)	4.00 (1.17)	2.98 (0.61)	4.00 (1.12)	3.19 (0.51)	4.25 (0.97)	3.09 (0.42)
Sad	4.05 (1.31)	1.96 (0.60)	4.58 (1.03)	2.15 (0.56)	4.40 (0.52)	2.36 (0.54)	4.70 (0.47)	2.19 (0.50)
Fear	3.80 (1.20)	3.02 (0.89)	4.27 (0.72)	2.98 (0.79)	4.45 (0.51)	3.35 (0.48)	4.75 (0.44)	3.50 (0.38)
Anger	3.97 (1.18)	2.17 (0.80)	3.92 (1.09)	2.60 (0.75)	4.00 (0.73)	2.16 (0.53)	4.15 (0.93)	2.53 (0.47)
Disgust	3.58 (1.22)	2.39 (0.76)	4.42 (0.99)	1.90 (0.75)	4.40 (0.60)	2.21 (0.55)	4.35 (1.23)	2.45 (0.73)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4.01 (1.13)</b>	<b>2.38 (0.81)</b>	<b>4.32 (0.91)</b>	<b>2.47 (0.69)</b>	<b>4.35 (0.61)</b>	<b>2.58 (0.55)</b>	<b>4.51 (0.74)</b>	<b>2.74 (0.53)</b>

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715 *Appendix A.*

716 Table 6: Alphabetised, full set of valid verbs, generated by two of more participants during study 1 (N=25). Response frequencies, per emotion label, are  
 717 shown within parenthesis. Synonymous responses are labelled as 'core' or 'subsidiary' and corresponding core or subsidiary verbs are provided in the  
 718 final column.

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	<i>Sad</i>	<i>Happy</i>	<i>Anger</i>	<i>Disgust</i>	<i>Fear</i>	<i>Surprise</i>	<i>Core/Subsidiary</i>	<i>Synonymous core/subsidiary exemplar(s)</i>
<i>Attack</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0		
<i>Avoid</i>	0	0	0	4	2	0	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Hide</i>
<i>Beat</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0		
<i>Break</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0		
<i>Cheer</i>	0	3	0	0	0	0	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Clap</i>
<i>Clap</i>	0	4	0	0	0	0	<i>Core</i>	<i>Cheer</i>
<i>Clench</i>	0	0	3	0	0	0		
<i>Cower</i>	0	0	0	0	2	0		
<i>Cringe</i>	0	0	0	2	0	0	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Recoil</i>
<i>Cry</i>	18	6	7	0	9	3	<i>Core</i>	<i>Sob; Weep</i>
<i>Dance</i>	0	6	0	0	0	0	<i>Core</i>	<i>Skip</i>
<i>Exclaim</i>	0	0	0	0	0	2		
<i>Fight</i>	0	0	4	0	0	0		
<i>Frown</i>	9	0	3	4	0	0	<i>Core</i>	<i>Grimace</i>
<i>Gag</i>	0	0	0	3	0	0	<i>Core</i>	<i>Retch</i>
<i>Gape (originally 'open mouth')</i>	0	0	0	0	0	2		
<i>Gasp</i>	0	0	0	0	2	8	<i>Core</i>	<i>Inhale; Sharp Intake</i>

	<i>Sad</i>	<i>Happy</i>	<i>Anger</i>	<i>Disgust</i>	<i>Fear</i>	<i>Surprise</i>	<i>Core/Subsidiary</i>	<i>Synonymous Core/Subsidiary Exemplar(s)</i>
<i>Giggle</i>	0	2	0	0	0	0	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Laugh</i>
<i>Grimace</i>	0	0	0	2	0	0	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Frown</i>
<i>Grin</i>	0	6	0	0	0	2	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Smile</i>

<i>Growl</i>	0	0	4	0	0	0		
<i>Hide</i>	2	0	0	0	11	0	<i>Core</i>	<i>Avoid</i>
<i>Hit</i>	0	0	9	0	0	0	<i>Core</i>	<i>Punch</i>
<i>Hug</i>	0	8	0	0	0	0		
<i>Hum</i>	0	2	0	0	0	0		
<i>Hurt</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0		
<i>Ignore</i>	0	0	0	2	0	0		
<i>Inhale</i>	0	0	0	0	0	2	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Gasp</i>
<i>Isolate</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0		
<i>Joke</i>	0	2	0	0	0	0	<i>Core</i>	<i>Play</i>
<i>Jump</i>	0	2	0	0	5	15		
<i>Kick</i>	0	0	5	0	0	0		
<i>Laugh</i>	0	20	0	0	0	11	<i>Core</i>	<i>Giggle</i>
<i>Mope</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0		
<i>Panic</i>	0	0	0	0	7	0		
<i>Play</i>	0	2	0	0	0	0	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Joke</i>
<i>Punch</i>	0	0	4	0	0	0	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Hit</i>
<i>Rage</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Rant</i>
<i>Raise Eyebrow</i>	0	0	0	0	0	3		
<i>Rant</i>	0	0	4	0	0	0	<i>Core</i>	<i>Rage</i>
<i>Recoil</i>	0	0	0	5	0	0	<i>Core</i>	<i>Cringe</i>

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	<i>Sad</i>	<i>Happy</i>	<i>Anger</i>	<i>Disgust</i>	<i>Fear</i>	<i>Surprise</i>	<i>Core/Subsidiary</i>	<i>Synonymous Core/Subsidiary Exemplar(s)</i>
<i>Retch</i>	0	0	0	2	0	0	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Gag</i>
<i>Run</i>	0	0	0	0	13	0		
<i>Scream</i>	0	0	13	0	7	4	<i>Core</i>	<i>Shout; Shriek, Yell</i>
<i>Shake</i>	0	0	6	0	8	0	<i>Core</i>	<i>Shiver</i>

<i>Sharp intake</i>	0	0	0	0	0	3	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Inhale</i>
<i>Shiver</i>	0	0	0	0	3	0	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Shake</i>
<i>Shout</i>	0	0	17	0	0	4	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Scream</i>
<i>Shriek</i>	0	0	0	0	0	2	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Scream</i>
<i>Shudder</i>	0	0	0	2	0	0		
<i>Sigh</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0		
<i>Sing</i>	0	5	0	0	0	0		
<i>Skip</i>	0	4	0	0	0	0	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Dance</i>
<i>Sleep</i>	3	0	0	0	0	0		
<i>Slow</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0		
<i>Smile</i>	0	21	0	0	0	4	<i>Core</i>	<i>Grin</i>
<i>Sneer</i>	0	0	0	3	0	0		
<i>Sob</i>	3	0	0	0	0	0		
<i>Socialise</i>	0	2	0	0	0	0		
<i>Squeal</i>	0	0	0	0	0	2		
<i>Stomp</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0		
<i>Stutter</i>	0	0	0	0	2	0		
<i>Swear</i>	0	0	3	0	0	0		
<i>Sweat</i>	0	0	0	0	4	0		

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	<i>Sad</i>	<i>Happy</i>	<i>Anger</i>	<i>Disgust</i>	<i>Fear</i>	<i>Surprise</i>	<i>Core/Subsidiary</i>	<i>Synonymous Core/Subsidiary Exemplar(s)</i>
<i>Tense</i>	0	0	2	0	4	0		
<i>Throw</i>	0	0	4	0	0	0		
<i>Vomit</i>	0	0	0	5	0	0		
<i>Wallow</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0		
<i>Weep</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0		
<i>Withdraw</i>	7	0	0	4	2	0		

Yell	0	0	4	0	0	2	Subsidiary	Scream
Yelp	0	0	0	0	0	2		

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731 Table 7: Mean ratings (SD) for verb and label pairings, by direction rating and instruction perspective. Category-to-verb (C-to-V), Verb-to-Category (V-to-C). Modal  
 732 pairings in bold.

	Scream		Smile		Jump		Cry		Recoil		Hide		Totals
	C-to-V	V-to-C	C-to-V	V-to-C	C-to-V	V-to-C	C-to-V	V-to-C	C-to-V	V-to-C	C-to-V	V-to-C	
First Person Perspective													
Anger	<b>3.79</b> <b>(1.18)</b>	<b>3.90</b> <b>(1.21)</b>	1.37 (0.60)	2.00 (0.79)	1.79 (0.98)	2.10 (1.12)	3.11 (1.45)	3.35 (1.46)	2.11 (1.10)	2.75 (1.29)	2.47 (1.31)	2.90 (1.21)	2.64 (1.41)
Happy	2.32 (1.20)	2.75 (1.16)	<b>4.68</b> <b>(0.67)</b>	<b>4.75</b> <b>(0.44)</b>	2.63 (1.37)	3.10 (1.17)	2.26 (1.33)	2.15 (1.18)	1.42 (0.77)	1.45 (0.60)	1.53 (1.07)	1.75 (0.85)	2.57 (0.98)

Third Person Perspective

<b>Surprise</b>	3.53 (1.31)	3.75 (1.12)	2.89 (1.27)	3.60 (0.99)	<b>3.95</b> <b>(1.27)</b>	<b>4.10</b> <b>(1.12)</b>	2.42 (1.17)	2.30 (1.22)	2.79 (1.13)	3.85 (0.88)	2.12 (1.10)	1.80 (0.83)	3.09 (1.12)
<b>Sad</b>	1.63 (0.68)	2.00 (1.12)	1.42 (0.69)	2.05 (1.00)	1.26 (0.45)	1.45 (0.69)	<b>4.00</b> <b>(1.33)</b>	<b>4.75</b> <b>(0.44)</b>	2.26 (1.19)	2.05 (1.00)	3.37 (1.46)	3.50 (1.43)	2.48 (0.96)
<b>Disgust</b>	3.11 (1.24)	2.30 (1.34)	1.53 (0.90)	1.25 (0.55)	2.58 (1.17)	1.75 (1.02)	2.37 (1.30)	2.40 (1.23)	<b>3.58</b> <b>(1.22)</b>	<b>4.45</b> <b>(0.77)</b>	2.37 (1.07)	2.00 (1.07)	2.47 (1.07)
<b>Fear</b>	3.63 (1.21)	3.60 (1.23)	1.63 (0.68)	1.45 (0.69)	3.21 (1.55)	3.05 (1.61)	3.16 (1.34)	2.90 (1.37)	3.47 (1.12)	3.95 (0.94)	<b>3.79</b> <b>(1.23)</b>	<b>4.40</b> <b>(0.50)</b>	3.19 (1.12)
<b>Totals</b>	3.00 (1.14)	3.05 (1.20)	2.51 (0.80)	2.52 (0.74)	2.57 (0.13)	2.59 (1.12)	2.89 (1.32)	2.98 (1.15)	2.61 (1.26)	3.08 (0.91)	2.61 (1.21)	2.73 (0.98)	-
<b>Anger</b>	<b>4.00</b> <b>(0.73)</b>	<b>4.15</b> <b>(0.93)</b>	1.60 (0.88)	1.50 (0.61)	1.90 (0.85)	2.50 (1.15)	3.20 (0.89)	3.05 (1.23)	1.95 (0.83)	2.95 (1.10)	2.15 (1.04)	2.65 (0.99)	2.63 (0.94)
<b>Happy</b>	2.65 (1.35)	3.55 (1.10)	<b>4.85</b> <b>(0.37)</b>	<b>4.84</b> <b>(0.37)</b>	3.00 (1.30)	3.40 (1.23)	2.75 (1.33)	3.20 (1.01)	1.30 (0.57)	1.55 (0.83)	1.30 (0.47)	1.80 (0.83)	2.85 (0.90)
<b>Surprise</b>	3.65 (0.81)	3.95 (0.76)	3.30 (1.08)	3.30 (1.08)	<b>4.00</b> <b>(1.12)</b>	<b>4.25</b> <b>(0.97)</b>	3.00 (0.92)	2.75 (0.97)	3.45 (0.88)	3.40 (1.43)	2.55 (1.23)	2.05 (0.76)	3.31 (1.00)
<b>Sad</b>	2.55 (1.19)	2.15 (0.99)	1.40 (0.50)	1.55 (0.76)	1.45 (0.60)	1.80 (0.95)	<b>4.40</b> <b>(0.50)</b>	<b>4.70</b> <b>(0.47)</b>	2.60 (1.19)	1.65 (0.93)	3.80 (0.83)	3.80 (0.77)	2.65 (0.81)
<b>Disgust</b>	2.80 (0.95)	3.15 (1.23)	1.20 (0.41)	1.45 (0.76)	2.15 (0.99)	2.50 (1.19)	2.30 (0.86)	2.70 (1.13)	<b>4.40</b> <b>(0.60)</b>	<b>4.35</b> <b>(1.23)</b>	2.60 (1.10)	2.45 (1.10)	2.67 (0.96)
<b>Fear</b>	3.95 (0.60)	4.15 (0.81)	1.45 (0.51)	1.60 (0.75)	3.45 (1.15)	3.75 (1.29)	4.00 (0.73)	3.80 (0.77)	3.90 (0.85)	4.20 (1.06)	<b>4.45</b> <b>(0.51)</b>	<b>4.75</b> <b>(0.44)</b>	3.62 (0.79)
<b>Totals</b>	2.93 (0.94)	3.52 (0.97)	2.30 (0.63)	2.54 (0.72)	2.66 (1.00)	3.03 (1.13)	3.28 (0.87)	3.37 (0.93)	2.93 (0.82)	3.02 (1.10)	2.81 (0.86)	2.92 (0.82)	

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