

Focusing on the Intermediate Event Makes the Chain Structure More Learnable

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Abstract: The chain structure has not been easily inferred when three events are causally related like a chain (A causes B, and B in turn causes C). We hypothesized that focusing on the intermediate event make the chain structure more learnable, if the causal structure is locally computed (Fernbach & Sloman, 2009). In Experiment 1, focusing is manipulated by informing which event is important. Participants who were informed that the intermediate event (B) is important inferred the chain structure (61