

Validation of Affective and Neutral Sentence Content for Prosodic Testing

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Appendix A: Selected Affective and Neutral Sentences for Prosodic Stimuli

Neutral

I'm on my way to the meeting
I wonder what that is about
Have you seen him?
The airplane is almost full
Can you hear me?
Maybe tomorrow it will be cold
I would like a new alarm clock
Can you call me tomorrow?
I think I have a doctor's appointment
We'll stop in a couple of minutes
How did he know that?
Don't forget a jacket
I think I've seen this before
The surface is slick

Happy

I really enjoy our family vacations
We had so much fun last night
You look so excited
What could be better?
I love spending time with you
This chicken is excellent
The new version is the best
That show makes me laugh
That magazine is my favorite
I always enjoy when she visits
That was better than the first time
You look wonderful
What joke could be funnier than that?
That was a blast
I highly recommend that professor
Isn't that beautiful?

He's always pleasant to be around
I look forward to meeting you
The soup is delicious
The mountains are supposed to be nice this time of year
The atmosphere there is very nice
I can't wait to see you
I would definitely like another slice
Have you ever tasted anything better?

Sad

I'm so sorry for hurting you
He never listens to me anymore
I miss the trips we used to take
I regret that we broke up
I miss the time we spent together
It's terrible that such a thing could happen
I can't seem to do well on my exams
Please forgive me
If only I could go back
If only I hadn't said those things
My best friend moved away
That movie made me cry
That newspaper article was depressing
I wish I could please them
My brother is very sick
I felt so helpless
I didn't mean to hurt your feelings
My dog died yesterday

Angry

This microwave is useless
What makes you think you can yell at me?
Why would you say such a thing?
I hate when you ignore me
What do you want from me?
She never shows up on time
I think that article was ridiculous
Quit bothering me
That class is completely worthless
Don't raise your voice at me
I'm tired of her attitude

Those prices are way too high
He's so unhelpful
Don't ever speak to me that way
I'm going to write a complaint
Why are you always testing my patience?
I never want to see you again
He always acts like he's better than everyone
I won't shop there again
Do you think you can push me around?
That was insulting
I have been waiting in line for too long
That noise is getting really annoying
What he said was very offensive
Do you know how unjust that is?

Fearful

She never returned from the campout
I was terrified that night
That man looks suspicious
I have no idea if I'm ready for the exam
She shouldn't walk there at night
These woods are creepy
I wish we didn't have to walk through the graveyard
Are you sure everything's alright?
The forest is eerie when no one's around
I think someone's in here besides us
That noise made me jump
Is someone in here?
That abandoned warehouse doesn't seem safe
I don't like the looks of that house
They say he was a murderer
It's getting dark and I can't find my way back
He said he wanted to meet but it doesn't sound good