

Appendix S1: List of UK and USA statements and statement characteristics

**UK set A**

		<b>true/false</b>	<b>old/new</b>	<b>conc/abst</b>
1	The Statute of Westminster was completed by the United Kingdom in 1931.	true	new	abstract
2	The bandoneon is a wind instrument.	false	old	abstract
3	Henry VIII's sixth wife was also known as "Katherine the Lucky".	false	new	abstract
4	The ancient Egyptian god Sobek was depicted in the shape of a crocodile.	true	old	abstract
5	The poet C. Dickens wrote the play Miss Sara Sampson.	false	old	concrete
6	The hit song "Honey Hush" comes from the singer and actress Helen Shapiro.	false	new	abstract
7	The sirocco is a hot, dry wind in the Mediterranean.	true	old	abstract
8	In the 80s a food scandal took place in India with about 1,500 deaths.	false	old	abstract
9	In 1938 the British car maker Aston Martin introduced the first all-wheel-drive road vehicle.	false	old	concrete

10	The Pavane is an Italian dance from the 16th century.	true	old	abstract
11	The Naab is a tributary of the Danube.	true	old	abstract
12	John Collier exclusively sculpted found objects using scrap industrial metal to create sculptures.	false	new	concrete
13	The longest tunnel in the world is in Japan and 54 km long.	true	old	abstract
14	The oldest university in the world was founded in Toulouse.	false	old	concrete
15	Nauru is the least populated republic on earth.	true	old	abstract
16	Lake Superior in North America is the largest lake on earth.	false	old	abstract
17	In Hamburg, one can count the largest number of bridges in Europe.	true	old	concrete
18	Chemists call compounds of nitrogens with gases nitrites.	true	old	concrete
19	The Central European Grasshopper Warbler is a migratory bird.	true	old	abstract

20	In Durham Council, most of the seats are occupied by Labour members.	true	old	concrete
21	The first electric locomotive was developed in 1897 by Werner von Siemens.	false	old	abstract
22	Locals call the golden jackal native to the jungles and mountain forests of Java and Borneo "Wau-Wau".	false	old	concrete
23	Coniferous trees grew for the first time in the Permian geological era.	false	old	concrete
24	The European adder is a snake which lives up to the polar circle.	true	old	concrete
25	G. Haythorn from England accepted the 1969 Man Booker prize for best original novel.	false	new	concrete
26	"The Ascension Relief" (circa 1428) is exhibited in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.	true	new	abstract
27	The pathogens of sleeping sickness, single-celled flagella, are transmitted through the Aedes aegypti mosquito.	false	old	abstract
28	The eyes of parrots are about three times better at night than those of humans.	false	old	abstract
29	The Finn Dinghy is a sport boat in which one person sits.	true	old	concrete

30	Boris Karloff was the leading actor in Friedrich Wilhelm Murnau's "Nosferatu" film.	false	old	abstract
31	Anton Karas wrote the zither theme score for "The Third Man".	true	old	concrete
32	The Portuguese seafarer Fernando Magellan discovered the Hawaiian Islands.	false	old	concrete
33	The Prussian King Augustus I the Strong was also known as the "Soldier King".	false	old	abstract
34	If you buy stocks on one stock exchange and sell for more on another, you have made "arbitrage".	true	old	concrete
35	The Mercalli scale is an earthquake scale based on the extent of the destruction.	true	old	abstract
36	The strait connecting the Marmara Sea with the Mediterranean is the Dardanelles.	true	old	abstract
37	"The White Ring" is an association for the support of single mothers in existence since 1975.	false	old	abstract
38	The UK's shortest canal flows through Cheshire.	true	new	concrete
39	A caryatid carries or supports a truss in place of a pillar.	false	old	concrete

40	Joseph Beuys extensively painted action paintings, in which the process of painting creates the image content.	false	old	concrete
41	The peace treaty which brought the German-French war to an end was signed in Frankfurt.	true	old	concrete
42	In his pictures, Carl Spitzweg humorously depicts scenes from the lives of petit bourgeois and misfits in the period of Biedermeier and the Restoration.	true	old	concrete
43	The "Madonna of the Carnation" (circa 1475) is exhibited in the Alte Pinakothek in Munich.	true	old	abstract
44	The hit song "Lili Marleen" comes from the singer and actress Hildegard Knef.	false	old	abstract
45	An unevenly matched relationship, such as an unequal or mismatched marriage is named a "misalliance."	true	old	concrete
46	An expression formed by repetition of words of the same meaning is an oxymoron.	false	old	abstract
47	Linguists constructed Ibo as an artificial language like Esperanto.	false	old	concrete
48	The ratio of emitted light to incidental light from a diffusely reflecting surface is the "albedo".	true	old	abstract
49	In philosophy something unsolvable or difficult to decide is called "enigmatic".	false	old	abstract

50	You can often enter a Gloriette (a mostly open pavilion or round temple) on a hill in baroque or classical parks.	true	old	concrete
51	The most dangerous poison for humans is the Wandering Spider's, which is native to South America.	true	old	abstract
52	The Dhana desert is located in Saudi Arabia.	true	old	concrete
53	Our Earth's atmosphere contains less than 0.001% ozone.	false	old	concrete
54	The hottest place in the world is Duri (Somalia) with temperatures averaging 34.4 ° C.	false	old	abstract
55	Etesian winds blow in Egypt, especially between May and July.	false	old	concrete
56	In London you can count the largest number of surveillance cameras in Europe.	true	new	concrete
57	T. Svedberg from Sweden accepted the 1964 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.	false	old	concrete
58	In 1984, a chemical disaster took place in Bhopal, India, which claimed 20,000 deaths.	true	old	abstract
59	People get sick with the Lassa fever through the filovirus, which can be passed on from person to person.	false	old	concrete

60	The longest and heaviest crocodile is the Saltwater crocodile, which can grow up to 8m and can weigh up to 700kg.	true	old	concrete
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**UK set B**

		<b>true/false</b>	<b>old/new</b>	<b>conc/abst</b>
1	The Statute of Westminster was signed by the United Kingdom in 1931.	true	new	concrete
2	The bandoneon is played by blowing into it.	false	old	concrete
3	People nicknamed Henry VIII's sixth wife "Katherine the Lucky".	false	new	concrete
4	The ancient Egyptians drew the god Sobek in the form of a crocodile.	true	old	concrete
5	The play Miss Sara Sampson is by the poet C. Dickens.	false	old	abstract
6	The singer and actress Helen Shapiro sang the hit song "Honey Hush".	false	new	concrete
7	The sirocco blows hot and dry over the Mediterranean Sea.	true	old	concrete
8	In the 80s, around 1,500 people died in India, as poisoned food had entered the market.	false	old	concrete
9	The all-wheel drive was developed in 1938 by the English carmaker Aston Martin.	false	old	abstract
10	In the 16th century, the Pavane was danced in Italy.	true	old	concrete



11	The Naab flows into the Danube.	true	old	concrete
12	John Collier is considered the most important exponent of found objects, in which sculptures use scrap industrial metal.	false	new	abstract
13	The longest tunnel in the world extends over 54 km in Japan.	true	old	concrete
14	The oldest university in the world is located in Toulouse.	false	old	abstract
15	Very few people live in the Republic of Nauru.	true	old	concrete
16	The largest amount of freshwater on earth is in Lake Superior, North America.	false	old	concrete
17	Hamburg is the European record holder for number of bridges.	true	old	abstract
18	Compounds of nitrogen with gases are called nitrites.	true	old	abstract
19	In winter the Central European Grasshopper Warbler flies to warmer regions.	true	old	concrete
20	Labour is the largest party in the Durham Council.	true	old	abstract

21	Werner von Siemens built the first electric locomotive in 1897.	false	old	concrete
22	The golden jackal native to the jungles and mountain forests of Java and Borneo is also known as "Wau-Wau".	false	old	abstract
23	Conifers appeared for the first time in the Permian geological era.	false	old	abstract
24	The European adder is a snake which is widespread up to the polar circle.	true	old	abstract
25	G. Haythorn from England is the 1969 Man Booker prize winner for best original novel.	false	new	abstract
26	The 1428 sculpture "The Ascension Relief" hangs in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.	true	new	concrete
27	The pathogens of sleeping sickness, single-celled flagella, pass through Aedes aegypti mosquito bites into the bloodstream.	false	old	concrete
28	Parrots see about three times more detail than humans at night.	false	old	concrete
29	The Finn Dinghy is a one-man sport boat.	true	old	abstract
30	Boris Karloff played the lead part in Friedrich Wilhelm Murnau's "Nosferatu" film.	false	old	concrete

31	The zither theme score for "The Third Man" is by Anton Karas.	true	old	abstract
32	The Portuguese seafarer Fernando Magellan is the discoverer of the Hawaiian Islands.	false	old	abstract
33	People also called the Prussian King Augustus I the Strong the "Soldier King".	false	old	concrete
34	The exploitation of price differences of shares traded on different stock exchanges is called "arbitrage".	true	old	abstract
35	The Mercalli scale is an earthquake scale whose values one calculates based on the extent of the destruction.	true	old	concrete
36	The Dardanelles connect the Sea of Marmara with the Mediterranean Sea.	true	old	concrete
37	In order to support single mothers, the association "The White Ring" was founded in 1975.	false	old	concrete
38	The UK's shortest canal is in Cheshire.	true	new	abstract
39	A figure holding a truss in place of a pillar is a caryatid.	false	old	abstract
40	Joseph Beuys is considered the most important exponent of action painting, in which the process of painting creates the image content.	false	old	abstract

41	The peace treaty which brought the German-French war to an end was concluded in Frankfurt.	true	old	abstract
42	Scenes from the lives of petit bourgeois and misfits in the period of Biedermeier and the Restoration are shown in pictures by Carl Spitzweg.	true	old	abstract
43	The 1475 painting "Madonna of the Carnation" hangs in the Alte Pinakothek in Munich.	true	old	concrete
44	The singer and actress Hildegard Knef sang the hit song "Lili Marleen".	false	old	concrete
45	An unevenly matched relationship, such as an unequal or mismatched marriage is a "misalliance."	true	old	abstract
46	Linguists call an expression formed by repetition of words of the same meaning an oxymoron.	false	old	concrete
47	Ibo, like Esperanto, is an artificial language.	false	old	abstract
48	Physicists call the ratio of emitted light to incidental light from a diffusely reflective surface the "albedo".	true	old	concrete
49	By "enigmatic" philosophers mean something insoluble or difficult to decide.	false	old	concrete
50	A Gloriette is a mostly open pavilion or round temple on a hill in baroque or classical parks.	true	old	abstract

51	Of all poisons, the poison of the Wandering Spider native to South America kills humans most effectively.	true	old	concrete
52	The Dhana desert is under the constitutional law of Saudi Arabia.	true	old	abstract
53	Only a very small part of the earth's atmosphere consists of ozone.	false	old	abstract
54	In Duri (Somalia), the hottest place in the world, people have to endure temperatures averaging 34.4 ° C.	false	old	concrete
55	Etesian winds occur in Egypt, especially in early summer.	false	old	abstract
56	London is the European record holder for number of surveillance cameras.	true	new	abstract
57	T. Svedberg from Sweden is the 1964 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry.	false	old	abstract
58	In 1984, a toxic gas cloud from a chemical plant in Bhopal, India, killed over 20,000 people.	true	old	concrete
59	The Lassa fever is brought on by the filovirus and can be transmitted by humans.	false	old	abstract
60	With a length of up to 8m and a weight of up to 700kg, the Saltwater crocodile is the longest and heaviest crocodile.	true	old	abstract

**USA set A**

		<b>true/false</b>	<b>old/new</b>	<b>conc/abst</b>
1	The "Unicorn Tapestries" (circa 1495) are shown in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.	true	new	abstract
2	The bandoneon is a wind instrument.	false	old	abstract
3	In winter the Gray Whale swims to its mating grounds.	true	new	concrete
4	The ancient Egyptian god Sobek was depicted in the shape of a crocodile.	true	old	abstract
5	The poet C. Dickens wrote the play Miss Sara Sampson.	false	old	concrete
6	The sirocco is a hot, dry wind in the Mediterranean.	true	old	abstract
7	In the 80s a food scandal took place in India with about 1,500 deaths.	false	old	abstract
8	In 1938 the British car maker Aston Martin introduced the first all-wheel-drive road vehicle.	false	old	concrete
9	The Pavane is an Italian dance from the 16th century.	true	old	abstract
10	John Knowles wrote the coming-of-age novel "A Separate Peace".	true	new	concrete

11	The Naab flows into the Danube.	true	old	concrete
12	The Carolina Wolf is a spider which lives all over North America.	true	new	concrete
13	Jack Pickford played the supporting role in Rupert Julian's film "The Phantom of the Opera".	false	new	concrete
14	The longest tunnel in the world is in Japan and 54 km long.	true	old	abstract
15	The oldest university in the world was founded in Toulouse.	false	old	concrete
16	Very few people live in the Republic of Nauru.	true	old	concrete
17	The novelist Herman Melville wrote the poem The Snow Man.	false	new	concrete
18	Lake Superior in North America is the largest lake on earth.	false	old	abstract
19	Hamburg is the European record holder for number of bridges.	true	old	abstract
20	The Bermuda Agreement was completed by the United States in 1946.	true	new	abstract

21	Compounds of nitrogen with gases are called nitrites.	true	old	abstract
22	In winter the Central European Grasshopper Warbler flies to warmer regions.	true	old	concrete
23	In the Council of the District of Columbia, most of the seats are occupied by Democrats.	true	old	concrete
24	The first electric locomotive was developed in 1897 by Werner von Siemens.	false	old	abstract
25	Locals call the golden jackal native to the jungles and mountain forests of Java and Borneo "Wau-Wau".	false	old	concrete
26	Coniferous trees grew for the first time in the Permian geological era.	false	old	concrete
27	The European adder is a snake which lives up to the polar circle.	true	old	concrete
28	The pathogens of sleeping sickness, single-celled flagella, are transmitted through the Aedes aegypti mosquito.	false	old	abstract
29	The eyes of parrots are about three times better at night than those of humans.	false	old	abstract
30	The Finn Dinghy is a one-man sport boat.	true	old	abstract



31	Boris Karloff played the lead part in Friedrich Wilhelm Murnau's "Nosferatu" film.	false	old	concrete
32	Anton Karas wrote the zither theme score for "The Third Man".	true	old	concrete
33	G Haythorn from the United States is the 1969 Pulitzer Prize winner for best original novel.	false	new	abstract
34	The Portuguese seafarer Fernando Magellan discovered the Hawaiian Islands.	false	old	concrete
35	The Prussian King Augustus I the Strong was also known as the "Soldier King".	false	old	abstract
36	If you buy stocks on one stock exchange and sell for more on another, you have made "arbitrage".	true	old	concrete
37	The Mercalli scale is an earthquake scale based on the extent of the destruction.	true	old	abstract
38	The strait connecting the Marmara Sea with the Mediterranean is the Dardanelles.	true	old	abstract
39	"The White Ring" is an association for the support of single mothers in existence since 1975.	false	old	abstract
40	The oldest museum in the world is located in Lima.	false	new	abstract

41	A caryatid carries or supports a truss in place of a pillar.	false	old	concrete
42	Joseph Beuys extensively painted action paintings, in which the process of painting creates the image content.	false	old	concrete
43	The Cuban composer Esteban Salas y Castro was also known as the "Santiago Angel".	false	new	abstract
44	The peace treaty which brought the German-French war to an end was concluded in Frankfurt.	true	old	abstract
45	In his pictures, Carl Spitzweg humorously depicts scenes from the lives of petit bourgeois and misfits in the period of Biedermeier and the Restoration.	true	old	concrete
46	The "Madonna of the Carnation" (circa 1475) is exhibited in the Alte Pinakothek in Munich.	true	old	abstract
47	Astronomers named a system of seven Earth-size planets "Trappist 1".	true	new	concrete
48	The hit song "Lili Marleen" comes from the singer and actress Hildegard Knef.	false	old	abstract
49	An unevenly matched relationship, such as an unequal or mismatched marriage is named a "misalliance."	true	old	concrete
50	An expression formed by repetition of words of the same meaning is an oxymoron.	false	old	abstract

51	Linguists constructed Ibo as an artificial language like Esperanto.	false	old	concrete
52	Ronald C. Williams built the first lawnmower in 1852.	false	new	concrete
53	Physicists call the ratio of emitted light to incidental light from a diffusely reflective surface the "albedo".	true	old	concrete
54	In philosophy something unsolvable or difficult to decide is called "enigmatic".	false	old	abstract
55	You can often enter a Gloriette (a mostly open pavilion or round temple) on a hill in baroque or classical parks.	true	old	concrete
56	The most dangerous poison for humans is the Wandering Spider's, which is native to South America.	true	old	abstract
57	The Dhana desert is located in Saudi Arabia.	true	old	concrete
58	Our Earth's atmosphere contains less than 0.001% ozone.	false	old	concrete
59	The hottest place in the world is Duri (Somalia) with temperatures averaging 34.4 ° C.	false	old	abstract
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63	People get sick with the Lassa fever through the filovirus, which can be passed on from person to person.	false	old	concrete
64	The chinook is a westerly wind in the Rocky Mountains.	true	new	abstract
65	The longest and heaviest crocodile is the Saltwater crocodile, which can grow up to 8m and can weigh up to 700kg.	true	old	concrete
66	The song "Blue Champagne" comes from the bandleader and songwriter Sammy Kaye.	false	new	abstract
67	The strait combining the San Pablo Bay with Suisun Bay is the Carquinez.	true	new	abstract
68	The Roe River goes to the Missouri River.	true	new	abstract
69	John Collier exclusively sculpted found objects using scrap industrial metal to create sculptures.	false	new	concrete
70	In the 1600s, the Psalms were sung to the music the "Low Dutch Tune".	true	new	concrete

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12	The Carolina Wolf is a spider which is common all over North America.	true	new	abstract
13	Jack Pickford was the supporting actor in Rupert Julian's film "The Phantom of the Opera".	false	new	abstract
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66	The bandleader and songwriter Sammy Kaye sang the song "Blue Champagne".	false	new	concrete
67	The Carquinez Strait connects San Pablo Bay with Suisun Bay.	true	new	concrete
68	The Roe River flows to the Missouri River.	true	new	concrete
69	John Collier is considered the most important exponent of found objects, in which sculptures use scrap industrial metal.	false	new	abstract
70	The "Low Dutch Tune" was the music for the Psalms in the 1600s.	true	new	abstract