

Additional example sentences for De Grauwe, Swain, Holcomb, Ditman, Kuperberg (submitted), “Electrophysiological insights into the processing of nominal metaphors”. Critical words are underlined for expository purpose only.

Lit = literal sentence type, Met = metaphorical sentence type, Anom = anomalous sentence type.

Experiment 1

Lit: That book is an encyclopedia.

Met: Her friend is an encyclopedia.

Anom: The fire is an encyclopedia.

Lit: His only property was a cow.

Met: His previous secretary was a cow.

Anom: His window sill was a cow.

Lit: The best remedy was a pill.

Met: His obnoxious brother was a pill.

Anom: The brown chair was a pill.

Lit: Jane’s latest complaint is a headache.

Met: Jane’s latest mortgage is a headache.

Anom: Jane’s new ring is a headache.

Lit: That bang was a bomb.

Met: That movie was a bomb.

Anom: That squirrel was a bomb.

Lit: The first prize was a trip.

Met: The first comedian was a trip.

Anom: The first nail was a trip.

Lit: The new prisoner is a killer.

Met: The steep hill is a killer.

Anom: The new moon is a killer.

Experiment 2

Lit: That book is an encyclopedia of trivia.

Met: Her friend is an encyclopedia of trivia.

Anom: The fire is an encyclopedia of trivia.

Lit: His only property was a cow with a gigantic belly.

Met: His previous secretary was a cow with a gigantic belly.

Anom: His window sill was a cow with a gigantic belly.

Lit: The best remedy was a pill every morning.

Met: His obnoxious brother was a pill every morning.

Anom: The brown chair was a pill every morning.

Lit: Jane's latest complaint is a headache that causes her sleepless nights.

Met: Jane's latest mortgage is a headache that causes her sleepless nights.

Anom: Jane's new ring is a headache that causes her sleepless nights.

Lit: That bang was a bomb in our town.

Met: That movie was a bomb in our town.

Anom: That squirrel was a bomb in our town.

Lit: The first prize was a trip for everyone in the room.

Met: The first comedian was a trip for everyone in the room.

Anom: The first nail was a trip for everyone in the room.

Lit: The new prisoner is a killer of old people.

Met: The steep hill is a killer for old people.

Anom: The new moon is a killer for old people.