**Supplemental Digital Content 3
Examples for the six distortion categories, used in the experimental versions of the Text Reception Threshold (TRT) test**

Ungrammatical sentences are marked with an asterisk (\*).

distA Article deletion: deletion of a compulsory article preceding a noun

*Hij kent de regels van het spel goed.* \**Hij kent de regels van spel goed.*

He knows the rules of the game well. \*He knows the rules of game well.

distB Subject-verb agreement error: deletion of 2nd / 3rd person singular present tense verb suffix (zero marking instead of ‘*–t*’) or plural verb suffix in singular context (‘*–en*’ instead of zero marking or ‘*–en*’ instead of ‘–t’)

*Hij legt een hand op mijn schouder. \*Hij leg een hand op mijn schouder.*

He puts a hand on my shoulder. \*He put a hand on my shoulder.

distC Preposition error: deletion or substitution of a preposition

*De nieuwe winkel is op loopafstand. \*De nieuwe winkel is loopafstand.*

The new shop is at walking distance. \*The new shop is walking distance.

distD Article substitution: substitution of a definite article preceding a singular noun, resulting in gender disagreement between article and noun (‘*de*’ instead of ‘*het*’ (‘the’) and vice versa)

*In het weekend maakt hij het ontbijt. \*In de weekend maakt hij het ontbijt.*

In the weekend, he makes breakfast. (no possible translation of the error)

distE Suffix error: mix of sentences with subject-verb agreement error (as described in distB) and sentences with deletion or substitution of the plural noun suffix (‘*–s*’ or ‘*–en*’)

*Ik heb altijd veel boeken gelezen. \*Ik heb altijd veel boeks gelezen.*

I always read many books. (no possible translation of the error)

distF Adverb error: deletion or substitution of ‘*er*’ (no English translation possible) in its repletive function, or deletion, substitution or insertion of the locative or prepositional part of a pronominal adverb.

*Als er een bal is, kunnen we spelen. \*Als een bal is, kunnen we spelen.*

If there is a ball, we can play. \*If is a ball, we can play.

*Ik moet daar even over denken. \*Ik moet even over denken.*

I have to think about this. \*I have to think about.