

EXPRESSION ATTRIBUTION TEST

Instructions:

- Place each cartoon strip in front of participant and the faces for the item laid out beneath in the order shown on the back of each card. Say to the participant:

This cartoon tells a little story. As you can see, the face/s of the character/s in the story is/are blank – but on these cards you can see him with 3 different expressions. What I would like you to do is to think about how the character is most likely to be feeling in each panel and then choose from these cards the expression that is closest. When you have chosen, put each card in the correct order and tell me when you have finished.

- Once the participant has completed each item pick up the cards IN THE ORDER THEY WERE PLACED and then copy the letter sequence from the back onto the score sheet. If the cards are in the order intended by the cartoonist this should spell a relevant word (POT, BIKE etc.). If the order is different this should be recorded as a) a number of items have plausible alternatives and b) further normative data may change what is considered an appropriate response.
- Once order is recorded – *ask participant to explain briefly what happened in the story* and this should be recorded in the score sheet. Do not prompt them to say how the characters were feeling. (This is optional.)
- Once all 8 items have been completed in order, then present each face card one at a time and *ask participant to name the emotion* as best they can. Record on score sheet.

References:

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