

Moving to the speed of sound: Context modulation of the effect of acoustic properties of speech

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Context scenarios used in Experiment 1

Text in italics indicates sentences that appeared only in the Relevant condition

1. Anne couldn't believe it when she opened the ChicagoReader and saw that there was going to be a Morrissey concert at the end of the month. She was a huge Morrissey fan and had always wanted to see him in concert. Saturday morning she was ready. She was sitting in front of her computer and all she had to do was wait for the tickets to go on sale. She knew it was a small venue and the tickets would sell fast. She really wanted to get tickets so was ready for the 12:00 sale time. When her watch showed 11:59 she tried to click the 'Buy tickets' button, but it was too early and no tickets were available yet. She clicked the 'Previous' button so she could try again. But the connection was really slow, and it took forever for the previous page to load.

It was already after 12:00 when she got the screen with the 'BUY TICKETS' button again.

2. John was a police officer working on a murder case. At first, John was confident that they had the right man, but lately he began to feel that something about the case was not quite right. The details just didn't fit together and the detectives in charge of the case were being very secretive. Every time he tried to discuss the case with one of them he was ignored. John tried to put all that aside. They had no other suspect and he was probably imagining the whole thing. But as he was standing outside the door, he heard the detectives discuss the results of a secret DNA test they received. John waited until everyone left and then snuck into the detectives' office. Searching the computer he found the DNA results. His suspicions were right- the suspect's DNA did not match the DNA found at the crime scene.

He was about to email a copy of the results to himself when he heard someone outside of the office. Just as he was about to press the SEND key, he heard someone opening the door.

3. Mark was looking for a new job. He continued to work in the same firm and didn't tell anyone about his decision, but he knew it was time to move on. Then one day he got a call from his friend Dave. Dave was very excited. He couldn't stop talking about this great job he found advertised and how much he hoped to get the job. The next day, Mark applied for the same job, and a few days later he was scheduled for an interview. Mark felt bad for applying for the same job, and even worse for not telling Dave. But the job was too good to give up and he thought that he would not get the job anyway so Dave would never know. Mark's interview went very well. He was very surprised by how good he felt at the end of the interview.

But as he walked into the elevator, he saw a familiar person coming towards the elevator. He had to close the door and go down before Dave could see him.

4. Will was walking home from campus. It was almost midnight when he left the library and the university buses were no longer working. After a few blocks Will heard footsteps behind him. Will looked back and saw a man walking behind him. Will started walking faster, but the man started walking faster too. Will's apartment was about six blocks away, but his friend Amanda lived just around the corner. He continued walking but when he got to the corner abruptly crossed the road and turned left. Will felt relieved when he saw the man continued walking.

But then the man crossed the road and followed him. Will started running towards Amanda's apartment; almost out of breath he got to her building and found her buzzer.

5. Two years after finishing college, Michael decided to go to graduate school and needed to take the GRE test. He hoped that he would have enough time to prepare for the test, but he was working full-time and was simply too tired to study when he got home at night. On the day of the test, Michael was very nervous. During the test, he felt he was not doing well. He didn't know the answers to many of the questions and he ran out of time before completing the test. Then, after the last part of the test, he got to the last screen. He could decide if he wants to see his test results or have them deleted. Michael knew he could take the test again, but he also knew that if he decides to see the results, the results of the first test would be part of his permanent record. What if he did really badly? Michael gazed at the computer for awhile, debating whether to see his results.

Finally, he decided to just press the key and see his results before he can regret his decision.

6. Jeff hated his neighbor. He was loud and rude and he always left his trash outside of his door for days. On top of that, he had a big vicious dog that barked at everyone he saw and looked like he would attack. Jeff could always hear the dog barking behind the door as he climbed the stairs. One afternoon, Jeff was coming back to his apartment. He could hear the dog barking from the moment he entered the building. Jeff's neighbor must have left the door open because as Jeff passed the door the dog stormed out and started chasing Jeff. Jeff couldn't find his keys in his bag but his roommate was supposed to be home.

"If only I could make it in the door in time", Jeff thought, as he was about to press the doorbell button.

7. It was the first week of classes. Tim was in his fourth year and he hoped to be able to attend a graduate level seminar with an important visiting professor. Although he was told that the seminar was limited to 20 students, Tim decided to show up for the first meeting and ask the instructor's permission to attend the seminar. Fifteen minutes before the end of the class, a loud ringing melody interrupted the Professor's speech. Tim didn't have to check to realize he forgot to turn off his cell phone.

As the professor was glaring at him, he was frantically searching his bag for his cell phone. He finally found it, and was about to press the button and turn the cell phone off.

8. This was the first time that Susan was going to vote and she was excited. Unfortunately, she had to attend an important training seminar at work on the day of the election. Susan knew she had to be at work by 10:00 and that she wouldn't leave work in time to vote, although the polling place was only a block away from her house. She decided to go

there early enough in the morning so she would be able to vote, catch the bus, and still be at work in time. But when Susan got to the polling place, there was a long line of people waiting to vote. She waited in line, but it hardly seemed to get any shorter.

By the time it was her turn to vote she was about to be late for work. She went in and stood in front of the touch screen with the candidates' names.

9. Nicole was riding the train downtown. It was cold and late and there were almost no passengers in the car. Nicole was almost about to fall asleep. Then at one of the stations, a young man boarded the train. He looked around suspiciously and as the train was leaving the station he approached an elderly male passenger and demanded money. When the old man refused, the man pulled out a gun and pointed it at the old man. There were a few more passengers in the car but they were all directly facing the young man with the gun and he could see everything they did. Nicole was sitting behind the young man, partially hidden from view by the train doors.

As soon as she saw the gun she tried to reach the red emergency button located right in front of her.

10. Sharon always hated elevators. She wasn't really afraid of elevators but she hated small closed places and preferred taking the stairs whenever she could. But because she worked on the 12th floor of a high rise building, she had to use the elevator. The week before Christmas was a very busy week. There were a lot of things Sharon had to do before leaving town for the holiday. She worked late every day trying to finish her work. On her last day, she stayed at work until almost midnight. The floor was empty by the time she left and she was all alone in the elevator

when it suddenly stopped in between the 6th and 5th floors. Nervously, Sharon looked for the emergency button.

11. Early Sunday morning Elliot got into his car. He had spent Thanksgiving with his parents and was about to drive back home. It was only 6:00 in the morning, but he wanted to avoid the holiday traffic and get home early. Spending three days with his entire family was very tiring. The roads were empty and Elliot was driving fast, enjoying the solitude and scenery. He was distracted for a few seconds looking at the view, and when he looked back at the road, he saw a deer standing in the center of the street, facing the opposite direction.

The deer was very close and Elliot knew he was too close and that he would not be able to stop the car in time. The only thing he could do was to blow the car horn so the deer would notice the car and move.

12. James was very proud of his daughter. As a child she was exceptionally bright, but even he and her mother were surprised when she finished her PhD at such a young age and went on to become a neurology professor at a distinguished university. James was particularly excited when the results of her last study, investigating the neurotransmitters involved in the brain's recovery following a stroke, were reported in the science section of the New York Times. Not only that, but she was about to be interviewed on the 7 o'clock evening news on TV. She told him it was only a short interview, no longer than a couple of minutes. James made sure he was home to watch the interview.

Suddenly he noticed that it was already 7 and he reached for the remote control to turn on the TV.

13. Jessica's roommate Robert was exhausted by the end of exam week. His room was a total mess, and he had not done his laundry for weeks, but the worst part was that he slept a maximum of five hours a night for the last two weeks. Finally, it was all over and Robert finished his last exam. Jessica even promised to be extra quiet. At 7:00 am the next morning Robert was deep asleep.

Jessica was already in the shower when she suddenly heard a loud radio noise and realized she forgot to turn off her alarm clock. She ran out of the shower and looked for the clock.

14. It was 3pm when Molly finally took a break from work and went to get her lunch. She had business meetings since the morning and she didn't have time to eat anything all day. Because still had to finish writing a report so Molly couldn't take a lunch break. She decided to run to the Thai restaurant in the corner and get some take out. By the time Molly returned to her office she was really hungry. She sat in front of her computer, opened the plastic box and started eating. She didn't notice she swallowed a whole red chilly pepper.

Molly's mouth was burning; she had to get something to drink. She got up and ran to the soda machine.

15. Daniel and Wendy have been together for 2 years. But lately Daniel felt that things were not as close as they used to be. Wendy was rarely at home, and whenever he asked her where she had been she would give him a vague answer. Daniel suspected she met someone else, but he couldn't bring himself to ask her. One night when Wendy was gone, he remembered that he knew her email password. He knew it was wrong, but he logged into her account and started going through her email.

He was reading one of them when he suddenly heard her keys in the door. He had to close the screen before she found out what he was doing.

16. Jennifer was a reporter for a newspaper. She liked her job, but she was always waiting for her big story, something that would appear in large print on the front page. When she received information about a secret meeting between the governor and the head of the committee on corruption in political donations, she knew this could be her big scoop. Her informer told her the secret meeting was scheduled to take place at a remote hotel the following Sunday. Jennifer had been waiting outside the hotel since Sunday morning, when at 10:00 pm she saw the two men walking out of the hotel lobby together. She knew that she had finally found her big story.

All she had to do was to take a picture before they got into their cars.

17. It was Rachel's last semester in college. She planned to finish writing her BA paper before exam week so she would have time to study. But writing the paper took longer than Rachel had planned and she decided to write the last chapter after her last exam. The strict deadline for submitting the paper was Fri, but her last exam was on Tue so she would still have enough time to finish the paper. After her last exam Rachel went straight

back to the library to work on the paper. She was really happy when she finished writing the last paragraph. She was exhausted but decided to read it over one more time.

Rachel was reading the last chapter when she suddenly realized that she had only five minutes to electronically submit the paper before the strict deadline. She had to email it to her advisor.

18. Sara was never organized when it came to paying bills or balancing her checkbook. The thing she hated most was filing her taxes. She could never remember where she placed the receipts she saved or the tax forms she received from her employer. It always took her days to try and figure out exactly how much taxes she was supposed to pay for that year. This year Sara worked in two places and in addition did some freelancing work so calculating her taxes took even longer than usual.

It was almost midnight on April 15th when Sara finished completing the tax forms online and was ready to electronically file her tax return.

19. Bruce was working in a window washing company. Unlike many of his coworkers, Bruce actually liked the job. He liked standing outside of a high rise window looking at the street from high up and with the new motorized scaffolds the job was much easier. It was a particularly beautiful day and Bruce was standing high up on the scaffold with his partner Kenny. Bruce liked working with Kenny. He always had funny stories. The job was much more pleasant when he could enjoy the weather and listen to Kenny's stories.

He was talking to Kenny when he accidentally pressed the DOWN button and the scaffold began to descend fast. Bruce had to stop it.

20. Catherine was a history student. It was her third year in graduate school and she desperately wanted to spend the next year doing research in London. Catherine spent weeks working on an application for a research grant that was due on Nov 15. She finished everything the night before and decided to get some sleep. Catherine figured that she could go to class and still make the 5:00 pm deadline for online submissions. Catherine got home around 4:00 and went to the website where she was supposed to submit the application. She kept having problems with the website- first it was too slow, then her computer crashed and she had to start the entire process again.

She promised that this would be the last time she would wait until the last minute. If only she could make the deadline this time. After some nerve wrecking failed attempts, she finally got to the SUBMIT APPLICATION screen. The clock showed 4:59.

Context scenarios used in Experiment 2

Text in italics indicates sentences that differed between the relevant (R) and the irrelevant (IR) conditions

1. Anne couldn't believe it when she opened the ChicagoReader and saw that there was going to be a Morrissey concert at the end of the month. She was a huge fan and had always wanted to see him in concert. Saturday morning she was ready. She sat in front of her computer and all she had to do was wait for the tickets to go on sale. She knew it was a small venue and the tickets would sell fast. She really wanted to get tickets so was ready for the 12:00 sale time. When her watch showed 11:59 she tried to click the 'Buy tickets' button, but it was too early and no tickets were available yet.

R: *It was already after 12:00 when she got the screen with the 'BUY TICKETS' button again.*

IR: *When she tried again she found two tickets. They weren't the best seats, but she bought them anyway.*

2. John was a police officer working on a murder case. At first, John thought they had the right man, but lately he began to feel that something about the case was not quite right. The detectives in charge of the case ignored the inconsistencies and were being secretive. John tried to put all that aside thinking that he was probably imagining the whole thing. One day, he heard the detectives whispering about the results of a DNA test they received. John waited until everyone left and then snuck into the detectives' office. Searching the computer he found the DNA test results. The report showed that the suspect's DNA did not match the DNA found at the crime scene. John felt vindicated, he was right after all.

R: *When he heard footsteps outside the door he decided to email the report to himself before anyone came.*

IR: *That night he debated as to what step he should take first to correct the situation.*

3. Mark knew it was time to look for a new job and move on. Then one day he got a call from his friend Dave. Dave was very excited about a great job ad he found and about how much he hoped to get the job. The next day, Mark applied for the same job, and a few days later he was scheduled for an interview. Mark felt bad about applying for the same job, and even worse for not telling Dave. But the job was too good to give up and he thought that he may not get the job anyway so Dave would never know. Mark's interview went very well. He was surprised by how good he felt at the end of the interview.

R: *As he walked into the elevator, he saw a familiar person coming towards the elevator. He had to go down before Dave could see him.*

IR: *As he walked into the elevator, he decided to tell his family about the new job. He did not want to tell anyone about the job before the interview.*

4. Will was walking home from campus. It was almost midnight when he left the library and the university buses were no longer working. After a few blocks Will heard footsteps behind him. Will looked back and saw a man walking behind him. Will started walking faster, but the man started walking faster too. Will's apartment was about six blocks away, but his friend Amanda lived just around the corner. He continued walking naturally

but when he got to the corner abruptly crossed the road and turned left. When Will turned around, he felt relieved when he saw the man continued walking.

R: *But then the man crossed the road and followed him. Will ran towards Amanda's apartment; he was almost out of breath when he found her buzzer.*

IR: *Since he was so close, he decided to go to Amanda's apartment anyway and talk to her about her party that weekend.*

5. Two years after finishing college, Michael decided to go to graduate school and needed to take the GRE test. He hoped that he would have enough time to study, but he was working full-time and was too tired to study when he got home at night. When he got to the test, he felt he was not doing well and that he didn't know the answers to many of the questions. When he was done he got to the last screen in which he could decide to see his test results or have them deleted from his record. What if he did really badly? Michael gazed at the computer for awhile, debating whether to see his results.

R: *Finally, he decided to see his results before he can regret his decision.*

IR: *He decided to see the results because he had plenty of time to take the test again.*

6. Jeff hated his neighbor. He was loud and rude and he always left his trash outside of his door for days. On top of that, he had a big vicious dog that barked at everyone he saw and looked like he would attack. Jeff could always hear the dog barking behind the door as he climbed the stairs. One afternoon, Jeff was coming back to his apartment. He could hear the dog barking from the moment he entered the building. Jeff's neighbor must have left the door open because as Jeff passed the door the dog stormed out and started chasing Jeff. Jeff couldn't find his keys in his bag but his roommate was supposed to be home.

R: *"If only I could make it in the door in time", Jeff thought, as he was about to ring the doorbell.*

IR: *When his roommate opened the door, he appeared very amused by the situation.*

7. It was the first week of classes. Tim was in his fourth year and he hoped to be able to attend a graduate level seminar with an important visiting professor. The professor had a reputation for being extremely strict, but Tim, who read many of his books, had always admired him and he desperately wanted to attend the seminar. Tim decided to show up for the first meeting and ask the instructor's permission to attend the seminar. Fifteen minutes before the end of the class, a loud ringtone interrupted the Professor's speech. From the professor's expression, it was easy to tell he was annoyed by the disturbance.

R: *Tim knew it was his phone. Right away, he found the phone in his bag and was about to turn it off.*

IR: *Tim knew it was not his phone. He was suddenly grateful he lost his phone three days before the class.*

8. This was the first time that Susan was going to vote and she was excited. Unfortunately, she had to attend an important training seminar at work on the day of the election. Susan knew she had to be at work by 10:00 and that she wouldn't leave work in time to vote, although the polling place was only a block away from her house. She decided to go there early enough in the morning so she would be able to vote, catch the bus, and still be

at work on time. But when Susan got to the polling place, there was a long line of people waiting to vote. She waited in line, but it hardly seemed to get any shorter.

R: *She was almost about to be late for work as she went in and stood in front of the touch screen with the candidates' names.*

IR: *She was happy she came in early. She found an empty sit and read the newspaper while she waited.*

9. Nicole was riding the train downtown. It was cold and late and there were almost no passengers in the car. Nicole was almost about to fall asleep. Then at one of the stations, a young man boarded the train. He looked around suspiciously and as the train was leaving the station he approached an elderly male passenger, pulled out a gun, and demanded money.

R: *As soon as she saw the gun she tried to reach the red emergency button located right in front of her.*

IR: *As soon as the train stopped, the man ran out and Nicole realized he was holding a plastic fake gun.*

10. Sharon always hated elevators. She wasn't really afraid of elevators, but she hated small closed places and preferred taking the stairs whenever she could. But because she worked on the 12th floor of a high rise building, she had to use the elevator. The week before Christmas was a very busy week. Sharon worked late every day trying to finish her work before leaving town for the holiday. On her last day, she stayed at work until almost midnight. When she stepped into the elevator she noticed everyone had left.

R: *She was already thinking about her vacation when the elevator suddenly stopped between the 6th and 5th floors. Sharon looked for the emergency button.*

IR: *She was already thinking about her vacation and about meeting friends she hasn't seen for a long time. She was grateful she finally had some time off work.*

11. Early Sunday morning Elliot got into his car. He had spent Thanksgiving with his parents and was about to drive back home. It was only 6:00 in the morning, but he wanted to avoid the holiday traffic and get home early. He was happy to see his family, but spending three days with them was very tiring. The roads were empty and Elliot was driving along, enjoying the solitude and scenery. He was distracted for a few seconds looking at the beautiful view; when he looked back at the road, he saw a deer. The deer was very close.

R: *Elliott knew he would not be able to stop the car in time so he decided to blow the car horn so the deer would notice it and move away.*

IR: *This was the first time Elliot has seen a deer up close and he thought it was the most beautiful animal he has ever seen.*

12. James was very proud of his daughter. As a child she was exceptionally bright, but even he and her mother were surprised when she finished her PhD at such a young age and went on to become a neurology professor at a distinguished university. James was particularly excited when the results of her last study, investigating the neurotransmitters involved in the brain's recovery following a stroke, were reported in the science section

of the New York Times. Not only that, but she was about to be interviewed on the 7 o'clock evening news on TV. She told him it was only a short interview, no longer than a couple of minutes. James made sure he was home to watch the interview.

R: *Suddenly he noticed that it was already 7 and he reached for the remote control.*

IR: *He settled into the couch and switched to the correct channel as the previous show was ending.*

13. It was 3pm when Molly finally took a break from work and went to get her lunch. She had business meetings since the morning and she didn't have time to eat anything all day. Because still had to finish writing a report so Molly couldn't take a lunch break. She decided to run to the Thai restaurant in the corner and get some take out. By the time Molly returned to her office she was really hungry. She sat in front of her computer, opened the plastic box and started eating. She didn't notice she swallowed a whole red chilly pepper.

R: *Molly's mouth was burning as she got up and ran to the soda machine.*

IR: *Luckily, she always had a bottle of water in her purse. She found it and drank some water.*

14. Daniel and Wendy have been together for 2 years. But lately Daniel felt that things were not as close as they used to be. Wendy was rarely at home, and whenever he asked her where she had been she would give him a vague answer. Daniel suspected she met someone else, but he couldn't bring himself to ask her. One night when Wendy was gone, he remembered that he knew her email password. He knew it was wrong, but he logged into her account and started going through her email.

R: *When he suddenly heard her keys in the door, he had to close the screen before she found out what he was doing.*

IR: *He noticed many emails from her boss, but nothing suspicious. Maybe Wendy was just really busy with work after all.*

15. Jennifer was a reporter for a newspaper. She liked her job, but she was always waiting for her big story. One day one of her sources told her about a big campaign donations scandal. She knew this could be her big scoop, but she wasn't sure she could trust her source. He told her about a secret meeting between the governor and the head of the anti-corruption committee, scheduled to take place at a remote hotel the following Sunday. Jennifer decided to check if he was telling the truth. As she was waiting outside the hotel, she saw the two men walking out of the hotel lobby.

R: *All she had to do was to take a picture before they got into their cars.*

IR: *After seeing the two men together, she knew her source was trustworthy.*

16. It was Rachel's last semester in college. She planned to finish writing her BA paper before exam week so she would have time to study. But writing the paper took longer than Rachel had planned and she decided to write the last chapter after her last exam. After the exam Rachel went straight back to the library to work on the paper. She was really happy when she finished writing the last paragraph. She was exhausted but decided to read it over one more time.

R: *Rachel was reading the last chapter when she suddenly realized that she had only five minutes to email it to her advisor.*

IR: *As she was reading the paper, she realized she did a very good job, and she was very proud of herself.*

17. Sara was never organized when it came to paying her bills or balancing her checkbook. The thing she hated most was filing her taxes. She could never remember where she placed the receipts she saved, or the tax forms she received from her employer. It always took her days to figure out how much taxes she had to pay. This year Sara worked in two places and did some freelancing work. Calculating her taxes took even longer than usual.

R: *It was almost midnight on April 15th when Sara was ready to electronically file her tax return.*

IR: *It was almost midnight on April 15th when Sara finally finished filing her taxes and went to sleep.*

18. Bruce was working in a window washing company. Unlike many of his coworkers, Bruce actually liked the job. He liked standing outside of a high rise window looking at the street from high up and with the new motorized scaffolds the job was much easier. It was a particularly beautiful day and Bruce was standing high up on the scaffold with his partner Kenny. Bruce liked working with Kenny. He always had funny stories. The job was much more pleasant when he could enjoy the weather and listen to Kenny's stories.

R: *He was talking to Kenny when he accidentally pushed a button and the scaffold began to descend fast. Bruce had to stop it.*

IR: *That day Kenny told Bruce about the adventures he had during his latest fishing trip. Bruce liked the story.*

19. Catherine was a history student and she was hoping to spend the next year doing research in London. She spent weeks working on an application for a research grant. When all the forms were ready, Catherine logged into the submissions website. She began uploading the files but she kept having problems with the website- first it was too slow, then her computer crashed and she had to start the entire process again.

R: *When she finished uploading the forms, she had little time to submit the application before the website closes.*

IR: *Catherine decided to try again later. When she tried again that afternoon, everything went smoothly.*

20. Kevin was renovating his house but he needed the contractor, Bob, to do an inspection before beginning the renovation the next day. He had been trying to reach Bob, with no success. Kevin worried he might have to delay the renovation and they were already on a tight schedule. He was watching TV when he thought he heard his phone ringing. It had to be his contractor!

R: *Worried that if he misses the call he won't be able to reach Bob later, he raced to answer his phone in time.*

IR: *“I’m on my way over” said Bob when Kevin finally located his phone, “you have nothing to worry about”.*

21. For a few months, Sarah had been saving up for a new designer purse. She really wanted the purse and had almost enough money to purchase it. After browsing a department store on-line, she noticed their summer sale had just started. Out of curiosity, she clicked the handbag section and noticed her purse had been marked down 40%. Now she could easily afford it! She quickly got out her credit card thinking just how lucky she is to have checked the website.

R: *As she was filling in the information, she noticed there are only two bags left. She had to complete the order before the bag sold out.*

IR: *As she was filling in the information, she noticed another bag on sale. Sarah wasn’t sure which bag to buy.*

22. Molly spent Sunday watching TV with her friend, even though she should have been studying for her biology exam the next day. Molly planned to go over the material that night but she had a very strict bedtime. She knew she would be in trouble if her parents found out that she stayed up because she had not been studying all day. Her parents’ bedroom was on the other side of the house. So hoping no one would notice, she turned on her bed light and began to read the notes. She was almost done when the TV sounds in the living room stopped and she heard her parents’ footsteps.

R: *The footsteps were getting closer. She hid the notes under her pillow and leaned over to turn off her light.*

IR: *The footsteps were getting farther and then the door closed. She realized her parents went to sleep.*

23. Jessica’s favorite radio station was giving away tickets to the hottest concert of the summer. Jessica registered in advance and now she had to listen to the station everyday at noon and wait for her name to be called out. The first person from the list who called the station would get the sold-out tickets! Jessica had been listening faithfully everyday. On Friday, the weekly meeting ran late. When she got back to her desk, the program had already started.

R: *As she turned on her radio, she heard the DJ announcing her name; she had to call the station.*

IR: *As she turned on her radio, she heard the DJ saying that the competition was over; the station had run out of tickets.*

24. John was excited to be one of the players who made the final round in the video game competition. For the last round, the game chosen was Boxing 2007. It was John’s favorite game, but his opponent was a very good player and the score remained extremely close. John paid attention to his opponent’s moves and realized he found his break. He knew how to win the competition.

R: *His boxer was in position when the perfect moment came to get in the punch.*

IR: *His boxer was wearing a blue shirt; blue has always been John’s lucky color.*