
Context and prosody in the perception of information structure

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Abstract

Summary: Focus prosody describes the use of prosodic prominence to signal context-dependent information structure. Three pilot experiments investigate the relationship between context and the perception of focus prosody to answer the following research questions: Do judgements of focus prosody differ based on context? Do we perceive a mismatch between focus prosody and context? How are prosodic and contextual cues weighed? Overall, the results suggest that contextual cues are more important than prosodic cues in the perception of information structure. Key words: focus prosody, context, information structure

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