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Title: Semantic Neighborhood Effects in Stuttering

It is well-known that people who stutter are generally adept at predicting upcoming moments of stuttering, and often substitute semantically-related words to avoid being disfluent. Some PWS make word substitutions frequently, many times per day, and therefore words in their semantic networks might be connected in different ways than in people who do not stutter. The purpose of this study is to examine semantic neighborhood effects in people who stutter compared to controls.

We expect to enroll 30 adults (18+) who stutter and 30 adult controls. The study will take place in Columbia, SC or surrounding areas, with the potential for the researcher to travel to participants’ homes for testing if nearby. Participants will complete two computerized word-judgment tasks, give a short conversation sample, and complete standardized speech and language tests. The session will last approximately 2 hours. Participants will be compensated for their time.

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