

Inter-individual differences in the production and perception of stress in English complex words

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My Ph.D. project deals with how individual differences in speakers' language processing influence their choice of stress in derived words (e.g., distinguishable, celebratory, evaluative). More precisely, the aim is to discover how both individual impressions of the frequency of the derived and of the base word, and individual sensitivity for morphological complexity influence the representation of the words in speakers' mental lexicons and how these representations in turn influence the speakers' word stress in derived words.