

Scalar Implicature in the Antecedent of Conditionals

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Target Prompts were grouped into four categories:

- **S:** prompts we judged to lean toward a **strengthened** interpretation (e.g., the scalar term *sometimes* is understood in the context of the prompt to mean *sometimes but not always*)
- **U:** prompts we judged to lean toward an **unstrengthened** interpretation (e.g., the scalar term *sometimes* is understood in the context of the prompt to mean *sometimes and possibly always*)
- **N:** "**neutral**" prompts; prompts that don't *a priori* seem to lean one way or the other
- **TF:** "**truth functionally**" **strengthened** prompts; prompts that *require* a strengthened interpretation in order to be coherent

Coding Manual

H	Subject references a higher item on the scale; i.e., <i>all</i> or <i>most</i> rather than <i>some</i> , <i>hot</i> rather than <i>warm</i> , or <i>always</i> rather than <i>sometimes</i> .
L	Subject references a lower item on the scale; i.e., <i>few</i> or <i>none</i> rather than <i>some</i> , <i>cold</i> rather than <i>warm</i> , or <i>never</i> rather than <i>sometimes</i> .
A	Subject references alternate utterances the speaker might have made instead of the utterance given in the prompt.
P	Subject considers possible alternate states of the world; i.e., subject references hypothetical alternate scenarios that might be (could have been) the case rather than the scenario given in the prompt.
CS	Subject explicitly exhibits sensitivity to context, either by making reference to general world knowledge that he or she considers to be relevant in interpreting the speaker's utterance or by embellishing the context beyond what is given in the prompt. Alternatively, the subject explicitly asserts that he or she lacks information about the context or the speaker that is necessary for making an interpretation of the speaker's utterance.