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# **Supplemental Materials**

## **Supplemental Analyses**

## Hypothesis-driven analysis of proportion looking to high test actions.

Study 1. Infants looked longer to the high test actions (M=0.562, SD=0.098) than

expected by chance, t(19)=2.849, 95% CI [0.516, 0.607], d=0.90, p=.010, two-tailed, one-sample t-test against  $\mu=0.5$ .

Study 2. Infants did not look longer to the high test actions than expected by chance (M=0.495, SD=0.127), t(19)=-0.184, 95% CI [0.436, 0.554], d=0.06, p=.856, two-tailed, one-sample t-test against  $\mu=0.5$ .

Study 3. Infants looked longer to the high test actions than expected by chance (M=0.526, SD=0.052) t(19)=2.267, 95% CI [0.502, 0.551], d=0.72, p=.035, two-tailed, one-sample t-test against  $\mu$ =0.5.

### Hypothesis-driven analysis of non-parametric raw looking time.

*Study 1.* Infants looked longer to the high test actions (M=16.24 seconds, SD=12.54) relative to the low (M=11.35 seconds, SD=7.41), 95% CI [0.970, 6.560], V=177, p=.006, two-tailed, Wilcoxon signed rank test.

*Study 2.* Infants did not look longer to the high test actions (M=11.21 seconds, SD=6.04) relative to the low (M=12.76 seconds, SD=8.37), 95% CI [-5.417, 2.932], V=93, p=.952, two-tailed, Wilcoxon signed rank test.

*Study 3.* Infants looked longer to the high test actions (M=12.54 seconds, SD=5.01) relative to the low (M=10.20 seconds, SD=3.56), 95% CI [0.317, 3.615], V=166, p=.021, two-tailed, Wilcoxon signed rank test.

### **Comparing attention across Experiments 1–3.**

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Attention during habituation. To determine whether attention during habituation differed across the 3 experiments, a linear model was fit to the summed raw habituation times using experiment (1, 2, or 3) as a predictor, and then passed onto pairwise comparisons using Tukey confidence adjustment. This analysis revealed no pairwise differences across Experiment 1 (M=247.89 seconds, SD=85.92), Experiment 2 (M=263.10 seconds, SD=106.60), and Experiment 3 (M=280.26 seconds, SD=90.26), with all 95% confidence intervals containing 0, adjusted ps>.400, two-tailed, indicating that attention during habituation did not differ across experiments.

Attention during test. To determine whether overall attention during test differed across the 3 experiments, a mixed effects model was fit to looks during test including experiment (1, 2, or 3) as a fixed effect and subject identity as a random intercept, and the outputs passed onto pairwise comparisons using Tukey confidence adjustment. This analysis revealed no strong pairwise differences across Experiment 1 (M=13.80 seconds, SD=10.46), Experiment 2 (M=11.99 seconds, SD=7.25), and Experiment 3 (M=11.37 seconds, SD=4.45) with all 95% CIs containing 0, adjusted ps>.500, two-tailed, indicating that overall attention during test did not differ across the 3 experiments.