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Abstract

Although there has been written a great amount of scientific papers about creativity, the evaluation of this specific phenomenon has, except for neuroscientific purposes, not been extensively studied yet. The aim of this study was to see whether the output of the word association task could be used to establish differences in creativity levels of the word-association participants. To achieve this, an online survey was conducted in which 81 participants took part, from which two participants were excluded due to inconsistent answering. The survey participants used 5-point likert rating scales which were based on the semantic map from the study conducted by Van der Velde et al. (2015). The participants rated on what level given word associations with their corresponding explanations were: original, novel, common, surprising and understandable. The results suggest that only small differences were found between the word association participants on creativity. The rating scales however did show a significant correlation between each other for both filler items and test items. Further research is needed for the validation of rating scales for creativity, and it is also suggested to investigate if the rating scales can be used for evaluating creativity in problem solving and visual creativity like arts.

Introduction

What is creativity? In general, everybody has a somewhat more or less accurate assumption what creativity really is. Some people may think of a great musician or composer to be very creative in the craft of writing music that has never been heard before. Other people may think of an interior designer who can make a small room look big by using the available space more efficiently. Although there are a lot of ways to interpret creativity, it is hard to find a comprehensive definition of this term. Even if there is a clear definition, how can it be evaluated? This paper will explore this and will address the following questions: What is creativity, and how can you evaluate it?

Let us begin with examining what creativity is in itself. Kaufmann (2003) found that creativity is often described as ‘novel’ and ‘useful’, which tends to be a somewhat simplistic
approach to the term. With novel and useful, he stated that an idea can be described as creative when it is novel for an individual that comes up with this idea while it not necessarily has to be novel for someone else (Boden, 1994; Kaufmann 2003). In a later stage, Kaufmann and Beghetto (2007) discussed that there was besides the usual signification of creativity, the “Big C” and “little c”, also a “mini c”. While the Big C includes the genius, breakthrough ideas which are fairly uncommon, the little c includes the more common smaller ideas like coming up with a new recipe. The mini c however includes the process of gaining personal knowledge (Hennessey & Amabile, 2010).

Runco and Jaeger (2012) discussed that creativity can be divided into two components, namely originality and appropriateness, but that there was a problem with the definition, in the way it is presented in many articles. Runco and Jaeger (2012) found that the majority of recent publications on creativity cite articles or books only from the 1980s or later, while the definitions of creativity extracted from these publications have a long history. According to Runco and Jaeger (2012), it was Stein who published the first clear definition of creativity. Stein (1953) defined it as:

The creative work is a novel work that is accepted as tenable or useful or satisfying by a group in some point in time. By ‘novel’ I mean that the creative product did not exist previously in precisely the same form. The extent to which a work is novel depends on the extent to which it deviates from the traditional or the status quo. This may well depend on the nature of the problem that is attacked, the fund of knowledge or experience that exists in the field at the time, and the characteristics of the creative individual and those of the individuals with whom he (or she) is communicating. (p. 311-312)

Here again the word ‘novel’ is mentioned, which was also confirmed by Kaufman in his 2003 publication. Still there exists some vagueness about creativity, which will be clarified in further detail by Jordanous.

According to Jordanous (2012), there is no definitive consensus on what creativity exactly means. She stated that there has been a lot of repetition amongst researchers on describing components of creativity and that there are a lot of different opinions on what are
considered the key factors of creativity. She made a comparison between scientific papers
related to creativity with scientific papers unrelated to creativity. By using a log likelihood
ratio statistic, she found that there were 694 words that appeared significantly more in the
creativity papers than in the papers that were unrelated to creativity. She then used the
Chinese Whispers cluster algorithm and Lin’s semantic similarity measure to divide the words
into clusters. This resulted in fourteen different aspects of creativity as can be seen in Figure
1. These clusters could be used as a base for the understanding of creativity and the
development of evaluation tools. A study that used Jourdanous’ findings as a base for their
research, is mentioned later in this paper.

Figure 1. 14 key aspects of creativity (Jordanous, 2012)

Now that there is a basic understanding of how creativity is described, it is also interesting to
shortly address how creativity can be seen from a neurological point of view. Dietrich and
Kanso (2010) found that creativity does not lie solely in the right parts of the brain
hemisphere, which is often stated. To localize how the brain is processing creativity, Dietrich
and Kanso (2010) studied 63 articles concerning mostly divergent thinking tasks and found
that with the use of electro-encephalography (EEG) scans, creativity is likely processed by the
whole brain. Although divergent thinking was significantly associated with creativity,
Dietrich and Kanso (2010) concluded that more research is needed to be able to make precise
predictions on specific creative areas within the brain. Creativity must be subdivided into
different types that are easier to associate with specific neurological processes. Then it might
be possible to make creativity better traceable in the brain. As Dietrich and Kanso (2010)
stated, divergent thinking is an essential part of creativity, but what is it exactly?
With divergent thinking you come up with multiple solutions to open ended problems (Guilford, 1956), for example: find 10 different ways to cross a road. The opposite term to divergent thinking is convergent thinking, in which you use straightforward common problem solving (Guilford, 1956). A standard IQ test is a good example of using convergent thinking. Because the goal of this paper is to address creative thinking and not typical intelligence (convergent thinking), some tools for measuring creativity will be clarified.

A well-known divergent thinking task for enticing creativity is the alternate uses task. In the alternate uses task, participants have to use divergent thinking to come up with original uses for common everyday objects (Jauk, Benedek & Neubauer, 2012). If the target word is for example ‘table’, the appropriate/common use for it can be ‘to have dinner at the table’. An alternate/uncommon use for a table however can be something like ‘you can stand on a table and use it as a stage’. Jauk et al. (2012) found that when engaging in such a divergent task, there is a higher task-related EEG alpha power in the frontal cortical areas than when engaging in a convergent task. A possible explanation for this is that it took more effort for the participants to come up with uncommon responses than with common responses.

The classic alternate uses task is developed for measuring creativity on a level of Originality and Appropriateness combined (Runco and Jaeger, 2012). Kröger, Rutter, Hill, Windman, Hermann and Abraham (2013) however used a modified version of the alternate uses task, in which the two components Originality and Appropriateness were both rated separately as well as together. Word pairs, consisting of a common object and the potential use of this object, were presented to the participants. The participants were asked to decide if these pairs were novel, appropriate or both while being measured by fMRI. This resulted in three possible outcomes: creative use (the object and its use is novel and appropriate), common use (the object and its use is not novel but it is appropriate) and nonsensical use (the object and its use is novel but not appropriate). The main purpose of their study was to investigate the human information processing of creative object-use combinations that can lead to conceptual expansion. An essential part in their research was integrating the N400 component. According to Kutas & Federmeier (2011) the N400 component is an event-related potential (ERP) that is linked with meaning and language processing. It is also relevant for semantic and recognition memory. Kröger et al. (2013) found that word pairs with creative
uses are indeed inducing conceptual expansion. As an implication Kröger et al. (2013) found that the N400 component did not discriminate between novelty in nonsensical uses and novelty in creative uses. A modulation of the N400, the post-N400 late component, did not discriminate between appropriateness in common uses and appropriateness in creative uses. To understand which cognitive operations are most relevant for conceptual expansion, it is important to examine the influence of both the N400 component (novelty) and the post-N400 late component (appropriateness) together. This finding fits with the definition given by Stein (1953) and Runco and Jaeger (2012) which stated that novelty and appropriateness are the key aspects of creativity. Kröger et al. (2013) also concluded that within neuroscientific research it is important to not only study the fundamental aspects of creative thinking, but also study the aspects of the underlying semantic cognition.

Another well-known test for the measurement of creativity is the word association task. In this task a participant is presented a list of words for which he or she needs to mention a new word related to the given target words (Merten and Fischer, 1999). Word association tests were primarily used as a diagnostic tool for psychiatric disturbances, but it was Maltzman (1960) who started using word associations for evaluating creativity (Gough, 1976). This present day there are a lot of variations of word association techniques. Merten and Fischer (1999) for example used five different variations: a free single-word association test, a multiple choice association test, a common association test, an individual association test and a five point rating on (un)commonness on someone’s own free associations.

The previous mentioned findings of Jordanous (2012) were further examined in an association study, conducted by Van der Velde, Wolf, Schmettow & Nazareth (2015). Their goal was to establish a method on how creativity can be evaluated. In their first association study, Van der Velde et al. (2015) used a restricted association method, in which 36 participants (29 Dutch and 7 German) were asked to give a maximum of three words associated with creativity. The wordlist derived from this association method was reviewed by three human raters. They selected a list of words on which they all agreed were words associated with creativity. This resulted in a total set of 58 words. Next, they reviewed their list with that of Jordanous (2012), which consisted out of 694 words and included 32 more words, on which they all three agreed, from Jordanous’ (2012) list. The 58 words given by the
participants included 10 words from Jordanous’ (2012) list which were selected by the human raters. Eight words appeared both in the participants list and the list of Jordanous (2012) which were not selected by the human raters. This gave a total set of 80 words, which then was used for their second association study. In this study Van der Velde et al. (2015) used a reverse discrete association method, in which 50 participants took part. For each of the 80 words from the first association study, the participants had to provide one word that was associated with that word. Van der Velde et al. (2015) wanted to obtain reversed associations to the words associated with creativity, to see if words like ‘to create’ or ‘creative’ are associated with the words associated with the word ‘creativity’. Another aim of this association study was to see whether words from the list of 80 words associated with each other. The whole list that was obtained of reversed associations was used as one of the lists for a card sorting study, which will be discussed next.

In their follow up study, Van der Velde et al. (2015) used the wordlists of the two previous association studies to select the words for the card sorting study. The words were selected based on three conditions: a word had to appear in both word lists, a word had to appear more than once as an answer in their second association study and thirdly the word could not be ‘creative’ or a derivative of that word (to create etc.). Eventually they came up with a list consisting of 42 words to use in the card sorting study. In the card sorting study the 40 subjects who did not participate in any of the two association studies before, were instructed to categorize the words from the list into smaller groups. Then the results of the study were analyzed with a Hierarchical Cluster Analysis, in which the highest associated words will be replaced by a single item (Van der Velde et al. 2015). This resulted into five main clusters/categories: Originality, Emotional value, Innovative, Intelligence and Ability. Van der Velde et al. (2015) concluded that these five clusters, all related to creativity, can be seen as a foundation for a semantic map which can be used for the development of rating scales for evaluating (computational) creativity, although more research was needed.

The previous findings of Stein (1953) and Kaufman (2003) stated that one of the main aspects of creativity is usefulness, however the term useful did not appear in the above mentioned clusters and semantic map of Van der Velde’s et al. (2015) study. Due to the absence of the term useful in the association studies, it was not possible to compare its relation
with other terms found in the card study. Therefore it has raised the question if human subjects would see useful as an aspect of creativity and if this term is a necessity for evaluating creativity. To find out how useful and creativity are related as seen by human subjects (instead of by definition), a new card sorting study was conducted in which both the terms useful and creative were included. This follow up study was part of the European project ConCreTe (abbreviation for Concept Creation Technology), to investigate the relation of useful to other creativity-related words (as found in the first card sorting study) and creativity itself.

For the second card sorting study Van der Velde et al. (2015) decided to include a neutral set of words that was unrelated to useful or creative. Van der Velde et al. (2015) chose the word agile and nine words related to agile to include in the card sorting study. This resulted in a set of 48 words: 28 of the 42 words from the first card sorting study; the word creative itself; the word useful and eight words related to useful; and 10 words related to agile including agile itself. The words related to useful and agile where found based on a WordNet search. The neutral set of words could provide more information if useful is indeed more related to creativity in Van der Velde’s et al. (2015) study than it is to agile, which then indicates that useful is indeed an aspect of creativity.

The card sorting study was carried out in a hardcopy study and an online study, in which a total of 96 participants (Dutch and German) took part. There were no differences found in the results between the two versions or nationalities, so all the results were combined. The results were analyzed with a Hierarchical Cluster Analysis, as done in the first card sorting study which can be found in appendix A. This resulted in the following five main clusters: Innovation/skill, Imagination, Creative/novel/original, Useful/valuable and Agile/resourceful. The scores for the words creative and useful were compared for all of the five clusters. Surprisingly there was a low score directly between creative and useful, so apparently human subjects do not indicate useful as a necessary aspect for creativity per se. Further examination of the results reveal that creative scored high on the clusters Creative/novel/original and Imagination, while useful scored high on the Useful/valuable cluster. Creative scored relatively high on the Innovation part of the Innovation/skill cluster, while useful scored about the same on all words in this cluster. A comparable score of
creative and useful was only found in the Agile/resourceful cluster, although there was a higher score between creative and the Agile/resourceful cluster, than between useful and creative itself.

For the evaluation of creativity, the main clusters as presented in the semantic map from the first and the second card sorting study can be used as a starting point for developing rating scales (see appendix A). Van der Velde et al. (2015) stated that if the clusters represent the assumptions that participants have about creativity, then the clusters also could be used for evaluating creativity. The semantic maps related to creativity could also serve as a base for the development and evaluation of paradigms for the investigation of the neural basis of creativity.

Although there has been written a great amount of scientific papers about creativity, the evaluation of this specific phenomenon has, except for neuroscientific purposes, not been extensively studied yet. For this present study the output from a recent word association task conducted by ConCreTe, will be evaluated by using five 7-point likert scales. In this particular word association task, participants were asked to give uncommon associations with an explanation to a given target word. It is important to mention that the rating scales were based on the semantic maps and clusters from the card sorting studies conducted by Van der Velde et al. (2015). The rating scales still need to be tested, which will be described into more detail in the Methods-section of this paper. Based on the findings of i.a. Jordanous (2012), Van der Velde et al. (2015) and the ConCreTe project, the main goal of this paper is to see whether the output of the word association task can be used to establish differences in creativity levels of the participants. This research goal will be tested by using the rating scales mentioned above.

**Method**

**Participants**

A total of 81 participants participated in this study. Based on normality tests in the analysis, two participants needed to be excluded. This resulted in a total of 79 participants,
from which 27 (34.2%) were male and 52 (65.8%) were female. The age range was 18-66 years, with M: 28.66 and SD: 12.286. In Figure 2 is an overview of the education levels of the participants.

Prior instructions stated that participants must have a minimum age of 18 years old, their native language should be Dutch and they should not have any language or reading disorders. The participants did not participate in this study or the study: ‘Use a spoon as a spade. Brainwaves of object use.’ before.

For the gathering of participants, there were two methods. The first method was distributing half of the surveys through social media (in this study Facebook was used) and the other half was distributed through SONA systems. SONA systems is an online database of the University of Twente where mainly first and second year students can participate in a broad selection of studies. As can be seen in Figure 2, approximately 50% of the participants were indeed bachelor students. For their participation they were rewarded with SONA credits,
which they need for their bachelor’s degree. All participants gave informed consent by agreeing to participate online.

**Materials**

For this study was a quantitative research method used by the means of an online survey. This survey was created entirely within the online survey program Qualtrics\(^1\) (Provo, UT). The original format used for the surveys can be found in Appendix B. The survey was in Dutch, due to the fact that the data used for creating this survey was also in Dutch. By using an online survey, participants were able to decide for themselves where and when they wanted to participate. Using an online survey simplifies the gathering of participants, because of the flexibility and ease of distribution. It also helps to control the answer order and requirement of completing the whole survey (Evans and Mathur, 2005). According to Evans and Mathur (2005) it also helps to minimize human input errors in data analysis, because most online survey tools have an integrated analysis program.

In the online survey used for this study, different word associations were given with an explanation. For example (in Dutch):

**Tulp → tuin**

Uitleg: Je zult tulpen sneller associeren met een vaas dan met tulpentuin

In English it reads:

**Tulip → Garden**

Explanation: you will associate tulips quicker with a vase than with tulipgarden

\(^{1}\) The output for this paper was generated using Qualtrics software, Version 7889524 0.46s (0.430, 0.287, 0.144, 0.105, 0.019) of Qualtrics. Copyright © 2016 Qualtrics. Qualtrics and all other Qualtrics product or service names are registered trademarks or trademarks of Qualtrics, Provo, UT, USA. http://www.qualtrics.com
In this example the target word was ‘tulip’ for which the association ‘garden’ was given with a short explanation for this particular association. In the next section, a more comprehensive description will be given about the further design of the surveys.

**Design**

From the original dataset there were three sets: C, D and E in which the data was presented from four different participants per set. Each set was divided into two blocks. Set C 1-2, Set C 2-1, Set D 1-2, Set D 2-1, Set E 1-2 and Set E 2-1. Presented in Table 1 is an overview of the total items/questions per set and block.

Table 1
Overview of Amount of Items per Set and Block

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<td>Block 2</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>58 items</td>
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Each block contained 9 filler items, which were common word association and explanations. For example; in Dutch: BED → SLAPEN, uitleg: ‘In mijn bed slaap ik’. In English: BED → SLEEPING, with the explanation: ‘I sleep in my bed’. These filler items were used purely for validation reasons. Each set consisted out of two versions in which the order of the blocks was mirrored. Also this counterbalancing of the data sets was used as a validation tool.

The design for the evaluation of the surveys consisted of five 7-point likert scales. The scales ranged from strongly disagree to strongly agree. The scales were being used to rate in which way each word associations with their corresponding explanations were:

- Original → How *original* is the word association with the corresponding explanation?
- Novel → How *novel* is the word association with the corresponding explanation?
- Common\(^2\) → How common is the word association with the corresponding explanation?
- Surprising → How surprising is the word association with the corresponding explanation?
- Understandable → How understandable is the word association with the corresponding explanation?

In Figure 3 are the rating scales displayed in Dutch as how they appeared in the survey. The order of the rating scales was randomized per question. The order in the example reads from top to bottom: it is understandable, surprising, common, novel and original.

![Figure 3. Rating scales used for the online survey, ranging from strongly disagree ('sterk mee oneens') to strongly agree ('sterk mee eens').](image)

Prior to the distribution of the surveys, there were three pilot tests for sets C 2-1, D 2-1 and E 2-1. The 2-1 versions were used for distribution on Facebook and thus were openly accessible and the most convenient to use for feedback. For each set a new participant was asked to complete the survey and to provide feedback about their experience walking it through. The feedback received from the participant was analyzed and discussed to make adjustments for improvement. The first set that was provided with feedback was set C 2-1.

\(^2\) The common-scale that was used is the reversed of the creativity aspect uncommon.
The participant stated that it was unclear what needed to be rated (only the word-associations or the word-associations including the explanation). This lead to a small adjustment in the instruction part of the survey, to clarify that the word-association including the explanation needed to be rated. This feedback was processed in all versions of the surveys. The next survey that was rated was set D 2-1 (including the adjusted instructions). The feedback provided for this set stated that the informed consent and the instructions for the rating scales needed more spaces in the text to improve readability.

After the feedback was processed in all surveys, set E 2-1 was provided with feedback. According to the participant there was no further need for improvement, other than correcting typos in the associations. Because the typos were already present in the original data obtained from the word association task, there were no further corrections made to the surveys. The surveys now were ready for distribution. For the final six versions of the surveys a quota was set at a maximum of 13 participants per set. This would make a total of 78 participants who could participate in this study. As can be seen in the participants section of the method, a total of 81 participants participated. The quota was set at 14 for three surveys, because three surveys were not entirely completed. After further analysis, the data of one of this three surveys however was useable. This resulted in 81 participants, from which two were excluded.

Procedure

The surveys started with questions, which were approved by the Ethics Committee of the University of Twente, about the requirements for this study, followed by a brief introduction and the informed consent. After accepting the informed consent a fixed sequence of demographic questions about i.a. gender, age, native language and level of education were presented. The next part consisted out of an instruction about the task with three sample questions and a brief explanation of the five rating scales. If someone did not comply with the prior stated requirements or informed consent they were automatically redirected to the end of the survey and their recorded data was annulled.

When the above mentioned part was finished, the test items were presented in two blocks, depending of which version of the survey was used. The test items were presented in a
random order and only one question was presented per page. The five rating scales were presented all at the same time with their order changed randomly per question. Every question needed to be answered completely, for the participant to be able to proceed to the next question. This was for the sake of certainty that all surveys were completed entirely. Also a progression bar was displayed in the bottom of the page, for letting the participants track their progress. Participants were not able to go back to a previous question.

After completing all the questions, the participants were given the opportunity to give their SONA ID to receive 0.5 credit points as a reward for their participation. If a participant was not interested in obtaining SONA credit points, a short note of appreciation was displayed. On the last page contact-details of the researchers were displayed, if a participant wanted to receive more information about the study. The total duration of completing a single survey was approximately 30 minutes.

Analysis

First the data for all participants who completed the surveys was analyzed. All means were calculated for the rating scales per filler items and test items per participant. Based on a normality test, potential outliers of participants who provided inconsistent answers were identified (for example if someone rated items as highly original and highly common at the same time). If inconsistency was found on multiple items, the matching participants were excluded from the study. Then the means of the rating scales for each single test and filler item were calculated, for all of the three sets. Because each original data set was compiled from the word-associations (test items) of four participants, the last step of the analysis was providing an overview of the rating scale means, for each test items belonging to each specific participant. This overview was used to compare the potential differences in creativity between the participants of the word association study conducted by ConCreTe.

Results

As described in the methods section above, two participants were excluded from this study because of inconsistency found in their answering. To see how the items were rated by the
participants who took part in the survey, first the filler items were analyzed. The filler items were the same for each set, which is reflected in the similarities between the means in Table 2. The results in Table 2 also illustrate that common word associations scored high on the common and understandable scale, while they scored low on the original, novel and surprising scale. This indicates that the participants were successfully able to rate common word-associations with the given rating scales.

Table 2.
Rating scale scores on filler items per set.

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This finding is further confirmed when the Pearson correlations between the rating scales in Table 3 are examined. All rating scales have a correlation of r >.70, which confirms that the scales are strongly related to each other.

Table 3.
Pearson correlations between the rating scales on the filler items.

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**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 4 gives an overview of how the items provided by the participants from the word-association task were rated by the participants of the survey.

Table 4.

*Ratings of the test items per participant of the word association (WA) task.*

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Figure 4. Rating scale scores participant 5.

Figure 5. Rating scale scores participant 6.
Figure 6. Rating scale scores participant 7.

Figure 7. Rating scale scores participant 8.
Figure 8. Rating scale scores participant 9

Figure 9. Rating scale scores participant 10.
Figure 10. Rating scale scores participant 11.

Figure 11. Rating scale scores participant 12.
Figure 4 till Figure 11 represent the box plots of the scores of each WA participant on the scales. In Figure 6 on the surprising scale there are some outliers. This can be explained because these outliers represent some word associations given by WA participant 7, which were rated as more surprising than the other surprising word associations given by this participant.

As can be seen in Figures 4 till 11, the means for each scale did not really differ between the WA participants. All the means are around 4 and this number represents the neutral scale point: not disagree/not agree. To find an explanation for this small scatter, the answers of the survey participants were analyzed. Two survey participants were very hesitant in their answering. These two participants completed the survey versions C 1-2 and E 1-2. The participant from C 1-2 was hesitant on the original and surprising scales for some particular items and hesitant on all scales for some other items. The participant from E 1-2 was hesitant on all scales for some particular items or hesitant for the understandable scale for some items. They have chosen the not disagree/not agree option in about 30% of all their answers. Although these participants responded ‘neutral’ in 30% of the responses, they were not removed from the final dataset as the percentage was still low. The remaining participants had more variation in their answering on the scales, however there where not a lot of extreme scores (strongly disagree or strongly agree).

To see whether there are any items about which the survey participants were more hesitant than for the other items, a cut off score was calculated. For each item was counted how many times there was a neutral rating per scale. Then the neutral scores per item were counted and a mean was calculated. The cut off score was set at: mean plus two standard deviations. This resulted in 15.70 plus 2x5.783 = 27.266. In the data set, three items were found; one from set C with a total of 33 neutral ratings and two from set D with a total of 28 and 39 neutral ratings. For all three items the most neutral answers were given for the novel scale.

As can be seen in Table 4, the item count differ among the WA participants. In order to make a comparison between the WA participants, the item count was brought back to 10 items per participant (with the exception of participant 9 who only had eight items). For participant 5, 6, 7 and 8, 10 random items were chosen from their corresponding sets. The
items for participant 10, 11 and 12 remained the same. This led to Table 5, in which the means per participant per scale are displayed again. Also the medians of the scores are included, which were used for the analysis of the differences between the WA participants.

Table 5.
Revised version of ratings of the test items per participant of the word association (WA) task.

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To see whether there were differences between the WA participants, a median split was done for the scores from Table 5. The WA participants were divided into two groups, based on their mean scores on the scales. The participants with mean scores on the scales which were
higher than the median, were placed in one group and the participants who scored under or equal to the median where placed in the second group. This resulted in Table 6, which illustrates who had a higher mean score on the rating scales for their items, in comparison with the other WA participants.

Table 6.
Median split between the word association participants.

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<td>WA participants with a mean score lower than the median</td>
<td>5, 7, 10, 11</td>
<td>6, 9, 11, 10</td>
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As Table 6 shows, for each scale there is an equal distribution of participants for higher and lower mean scores, with the exception of the scale understandable. In Table 7 are the correlations displayed between the means of the rating scales on all test items.

Table 7.
Pearson correlations between the rating scales on all test items.

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**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

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Deriving from Tables 6 and 7, a short evaluation per participant will be described next.

- Participant 5 and 10 scored low on the ‘creativity’ scales original, novel and surprising and high on the common and understandable scales. This ratio can also be found in the negative correlations between these rating scales in Table 7.
- Participant 6, 9 and 12 scored low on the common and understandable scales and high on the original, novel and surprising scales. This ratio can also be found in the negative correlations between these rating scales in Table 7.
- Participant 7 scored low on the original, novel, surprising and understandable scales and high on the common scale. This finding differs from the correlations found in Table 7, because there was a positive correlation between common and understandable.
- Participant 8 scored low on the understandable scale and high on the original, novel, common and surprising scales. This finding also contradict with the correlations in Table 7. Again there should be a positive correlation between common and understandable.
- Participant 11 scored low on the original, novel, common and surprising scales and high on the understandable scale. Here happened the same as with participant 7 and 8, there should be a positive correlation between common and understandable.

The data used for this study was, as mentioned before, collected from a word association task. Prior to this word association task, the eight WA participants took part in an alternate uses task. The participants were given a list of object-combinations and were asked to rate if a combination was of common, creative or anomalous use. To see if the ratings of the alternate uses task by a WA participant can be used to predict the level of creativity for this participant, correlations were calculated. In Table 8 is an overview of the correlations between the mean
scores on the rating scales and the percentage of trials in which a use was indicated as common (CM), creative (CR) and anomalous (ANO) by the WA participants. As can be seen in Table 8, the original, novel and surprising scales have a negative correlation with the common (CM) uses and a positive correlation with the creative and anomalous uses. The correlations however were not significant because they ranged from $-.700 > r < .700$.

Table 8.

*Pearson correlations between mean scores on the rating scales and the percentage of trials in which a use was indicated as common (CM), creative (CR) and anomalous (ANO) in the alternate uses task.*

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*. Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

**Discussion**

The aim of this study was to see whether the output of the word association task could be used to establish differences in creativity levels of the word-association participants. The results suggest that only small differences were found between the participants in their levels of creativity, based on the means of the rating scales. However, statistical tests confirming existing differences were not performed in this study, apart from a median split which shows a trend between the participants. The rating scales proved to be significantly correlated with each other, for both the filler items and the test items. One exception was found for the understandable scale in the test items, this scale had a negative correlation of $r < -.700$ with the original (-.610) and novel (-.676) scale.
The boxplots in Figure 4 till 11, illustrate a similar parabolic shape between the rating scales for each WA participant, with the means distributed around 4, the ‘neutral’ rating option (not disagree/not agree). Because Table 4 showed a different item count amongst the WA participants, the item count was brought back to 10 randomly chosen items per participant (except for participant 9, who only had eight items). After conducting a median split to see whether there were differences found, the results showed an even distribution per scale for participants having a higher and a lower mean score compared with the median. Participants 6, 9, 12 scored the highest on the creativity scales original, novel and surprising while having the lowest mean on the common scales common and understandable, although the differences between these participants were very small. On the other hand, according to the median split, participants 5, 7, 10 and 11 had the lowest mean scores on the creative scales. The low item count might be a reason that there were no greater differences between the means for the WA participants.

It was expected that the WA participants with lower mean levels on the original, novel and surprising scales chose more common uses on the alternate uses task (negative correlation). The correlations indeed appear to be all negative, although they do not seem to be significant. The highest negative correlation was found for the scale original and the percentage of trials choses as common: -0.699. This correlation does not reach significance, but it does show a possible trend if more participants are included. There were positive correlations expected between higher mean levels on the original, novel and surprising scales and more creative uses on the alternate uses task. These positive correlations were found as can be seen in Table 8, but they do not reach significance. These low correlations might be caused by potential difficulties the WA participants had in discriminating between creative uses and anomalous uses.

The findings are partially in line with the statement on creativity, made by Boden (1994) and Kaufmann (2003). They stated that an idea can be described as creative when it is novel for an individual that comes up with this idea while it not necessarily has to be novel for someone else. This might be also applicable for the other scales used for the evaluation of the word associations. In the findings from this study however, novelty was rated lower than original and surprising. This can be an explanation to the overall ‘neutral’ mean scores for the
WA participants on the scales. This neutral mean scores were not merely caused by survey participants choosing only the neutral option on the scales, but rather by the lack of choosing extreme scores as totally disagree/totally agree. The WA participants perhaps did differ on an individual level of creativity, however the survey participants were not able to point this out. If the survey participants were explicitly told beforehand that they were evaluating the word associations on creativity, they might have chosen more extreme scores.

Another explanation for the small differences between the WA participants might be caused by the reason that there is no definitive consensus on what creativity exactly is (Jordanous, 2012). Survey participants might find it difficult to use the rating scales in a consistent way. One of Jordanous’ 14 key aspects of creativity was social interaction and communication. There was no social interaction in this study, because the data was collected by using online surveys. Maybe if someone spoke out an uncommon association and gave a corresponding verbal explanation, it might have been easier for a participant to use and understand the rating scales for evaluation.

Stein (1953) stated that the extent to which a work is creative may depend on the nature of the problem, the experience that exists in the field and the characteristics of the creative person and those of the individuals with whom the person is communicating. This statement might be the important factor to address the lack of differences in creativity found in the WA participants. All WA participants took part in an alternate uses task, before participating in the word association task. This might have caused them indirectly to give ‘comparable’ associations amongst each other, in such a way that the items reached a similar level of creativity in the eyes of the survey participants. This so-called priming effect, in which exposure to a stimulus can influence the reaction to another stimulus, might have caused this. According to Loersch & Payne (2011) priming may not cause direct effect, instead it can alter the accessibility of mental content like creative thinking. Because the survey participants did not engaged in a creativity study before, this might be the reason that the associations might have appeared indifferent from each other.

In a study conducted by Heller, Keith and Anderson (1992) was found that within a group, the generated solutions to problems were significantly better than the generated solutions to problems from an individual. If participants are indeed better at problem solving
from within a group, then perhaps they are also better at evaluating in a group. This might lead to greater variation on the ratings scale scores.

**Conclusion and limitations**

The results show that it appears to be difficult for lay people to effectively use rating scales to evaluate word associations on creativity. This immediately reflects the importance for more research on evaluating creativity conducted by human raters. For this present study the rating scales have been used to evaluate word associations. The next step for validating these rating scales, is using them in different creativity studies apart from evaluating word associations. They might be useful for the evaluation of creativity in problem solving or for the evaluation of more visual creativity like art.

The limitations of this study consist of a relatively small participant sample per survey version. This might be the main reason that there seemed to be little differences between the WA participants. 50% of the survey participants were students from the University of Twente who participated through SONA. There is a possibility that they were biased by other surveys on SONA, which could make them not representative as a sample for this study. However, this present study can be a helpful starting point for the further development and validation of rating scales to evaluate creativity. It points out that indeed a consensus about the exact aspects of creativity is hard to find and apparently, as Aristotle has already stated it; to understand creativity ‘the whole is greater than the sum of its parts’.

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Appendices

Appendix A

Left: Hierarchical clustering of the 48 words used in the second card sorting study of Van der Velde et al. (2015). Right: Tentative clusters of the second card sorting study based on the HCA.
Appendix B

‘Elk, elk, elk, een koe drinkt graag?……water.’
Een onderzoek naar woordassociaties.

Voordat u begint met het onderzoek, wilt u vragen om de volgende vragen zorgvuldig te lezen en in te vullen.

Heeft u eerder meegedaan aan het EEG onderzoek ‘Use a spoon as a spade? Brainwaves or object use’?
☐ Ja
☐ Nee

Druk op ‘Volgende’ om verder te gaan

U heeft geantwoord dat u eerder heeft meegedaan aan het EEG onderzoek ‘Use a spoon as a spade? Brainwaves or object use’. Meedoen aan dit onderzoek kan alleen als u niet heeft deelgenomen aan deze EEG-studie.
In ieder geval bedankt voor uw interesse!

Druk op ‘Volgende’ om verder te gaan

Heeft u eerder meegedaan aan het onderzoek ‘Elk, elk, elk, een koe drinkt graag?……water. Een onderzoek naar woordassociaties.’?
☐ Ja
☐ Nee

Druk op ‘Volgende’ om verder te gaan

In ieder geval bedankt voor uw interesse!

Druk op ‘Volgende’ om verder te gaan

Is Nederlands uw moedertaal?
☐ Ja
☐ Nee

Druk op ‘Volgende’ om verder te gaan
U heeft aangegeven dat Nederlands niet uw moedertaal is. Helaas kunt u alleen deelnemen aan dit onderzoek als uw moedertaal Nederlands is.

In ieder geval bedankt voor uw interesse!

Druk op 'Volgende' om verder te gaan

Bent u 18 jaar of ouder?
☐ Ja
☐ Nee

Druk op 'Volgende' om verder te gaan

U heeft aangegeven dat u jonger bent dan 18. Helaas kunt u alleen deelnemen aan dit onderzoek als u minimaal 18 bent.

In ieder geval bedankt voor uw interesse!

Druk op 'Volgende' om verder te gaan

Heeft u een taalstoornis of een leesstoornis?
☐ Ja
☐ Nee

Druk op 'Volgende' om verder te gaan

U heeft aangegeven dat u een taalstoornis of leesstoornis heeft. Helaas kunt u alleen deelnemen aan dit onderzoek als u geen taalstoornis of leesstoornis heeft, omdat in het onderzoek een leestaak wordt gebruikt.

In ieder geval bedankt voor uw interesse!

Druk op 'Volgende' om verder te gaan

Introductie

Welkom bij het onderzoek!

In dit onderzoek gaat u woordassociaties evalueren op 5 korte schalen in een vragenlijst. Het doel van het onderzoek is om meer te weten te komen over hoe woordassociaties worden geïnterpreteerd.

Aan het begin van het onderzoek zullen er een paar demografische vragen aan u worden gesteld. Daarna volgen er 2 delen die elk bestaan uit ongeveer 30 woordassociaties waarin u wordt gevraagd om deze woordassociaties te
evalueren op 5 korte schalen.


Klik op 'Volgende' om verder te gaan naar het informed consent

Informed consent

Ik wil u vragen de volgende informatie over de vertrouwelijkheid en de verwerking van de gegevens goed door te lezen voordat u aan het onderzoek begint.

Het onderzoek zal ongeveer 20-30 minuten duren. Uw deelname aan dit onderzoek is vrijwillig. U mag op elk moment stoppen met het onderzoek, zonder hiervoor een reden aan te geven. U mag tot 24 uur na het onderzoek uw medewerking intrekken, wat betekent dat uw verzamelde gegevens vernietigd zullen worden. De data zal volledig anoniem worden verwerkt en niet door derden worden ingezien. Indien de onderzoeksresultaten gebruikt zullen worden in wetenschappelijke publicaties, dan wel op een andere manier openbaar worden gemaakt, zal dit volledig geanonimiseerd gebeuren. Na afloop van het volledige onderzoek kunt u, indien u dat wenst, middels een debriefing over de verkregen resultaten op de hoogte worden gesteld. Voor verdere informatie en/of debriefing kunt u contact opnemen met Merijn Besselink, te bereiken op: m.besselink-2@student.utwente.nl

"Ik heb de voorafgaande informatie goed doorgelezen en stem toe dat mijn data voor wetenschappelijk onderzoek gebruikt mogen worden."

☐ Ja
☐ Nee

U heeft 'Nee' geselecteerd in de informed consent. Helaas kunt u alleen deelnemen aan dit onderzoek als u de informed consent accepteert.

In ieder geval bedankt voor uw interesse!

Er zullen nu een paar demografische vragen worden gesteld

Wat is uw leeftijd?

☐

Wat is uw geslacht?

☐ Man
☐ Vrouw
☐ Anders

Wat is uw opleidingsniveau?

☐

Evaluation of Creativity

Merijn Besselink s1363751
Instructies

U krijgt straks woordparen te zien die een associatie hebben met elkaar. Voor elk woordpaar is het 1e woord, bijvoorbeeld ‘voeten’, een woord waarvoor een associatie is gemaakt, bijvoorbeeld ‘schoenen’. Deze woorden zullen in het onderzoek als volgt worden weergegeven:

Voeten → Schoenen

In het onderzoek zal er een uitleg staan van de associatie onder elk woordpaar:

Voeten → Schoenen

Uitleg: Want schoenen draag je aan je voeten

In dit voorbeeld wordt voor het woord ‘Voeten’ (1e woord) de associatie ‘Schoenen’ (2e woord) gegeven, met als uitleg dat u schoenen aan uw voeten draagt.

Een ander voorbeeld is:

Sleutel → Brieven

Uitleg: Je kan je sleutel gebruiken om brieven te openen, zoals een briefopener

In dit voorbeeld wordt voor het woord ‘Sleutel’ (1e woord) de associatie ‘Brieven’ (2e woord) gegeven, met als uitleg dat u een sleutel kunt gebruiken als een soort briefopener om zo brieven te openen.

Nog een voorbeeld is:

Fiets → Komma

Uitleg: Beiden zijn zwart

In dit voorbeeld wordt voor het woord ‘Fiets’ (1e woord) de associatie ‘Komma’ (2e woord) gegeven, met als uitleg dat beiden zwart zijn.

Klik op ‘Volgende’ om verder te gaan

Uw taak zal zijn om elk woordpaar samen met de uitleg te evalueren op 5 rating schalen. Elke schaal bestaat uit 7 punten, uiteenlopend van sterk mee oneens tot sterk mee eens. De schalen zijn als volgt:

1. Het is origineel
Voor deze schaal moet u beslissen in hoeverre u het eens of oneens bent met de stelling dat de associatie van het 2e woord met het 1e woord en de daarbij horende uitleg origineel is.

1. Het is vernieuwend

Voor deze schaal moet u beslissen in hoeverre u het eens of oneens bent met de stelling dat de associatie van het 2e woord met het 1e woord en de daarbij horende uitleg vernieuwend is.

2. Het is gewoond

Voor deze schaal moet u beslissen in hoeverre u het eens of oneens bent met de stelling dat de associatie van het 2e woord met het 1e woord en de daarbij horende uitleg gewoond is.

3. Het is verassend

Voor deze schaal moet u beslissen in hoeverre u het eens of oneens bent met de stelling dat de associatie van het 2e woord met het 1e woord en de daarbij horende uitleg verassend is.

4. Het is begrijpelijk

Voor deze schaal moet u beslissen in hoeverre u het eens of oneens bent met de stelling dat de associatie van het 2e woord met het 1e woord en de daarbij horende uitleg begrijpelijk is.

Klik op ‘Volgende’ om verder te gaan
Het is dus de bedoeling dat u de woordparen samen met de uitleg beoordeelt. Als we de eerdere 3 voorbeelden zouden evalueren op deze 5 schalen, dan zouden ze als volgt kunnen worden geëvalueerd:

1e voorbeeld:

**Voeten → Schoenen**

_Uitleg: Want je draagt schoenen aan je voeten_

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Voor het 2e voorbeeld:

**Sleutel → brieven**

_Uitleg: Je kan je sleutel gebruiken om brieven te openen, zoals een briefopener_

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Voor het laatste voorbeeld:
**Fiets → Komma**

**Uitleg: Beiden zijn zwart**

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U gaat nu beginnen met het 1e deel van het onderzoek.

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Dit is het einde van deel 1. Nu volgt het 2e gedeelte.

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Doel u als student van de Universiteit Twente mee om SONA proefpersooncredits te ontvangen?

Ja
Nee

Klik op 'Volgende' om verder te gaan

Als u meedoet voor SONA proefpersooncredits, vul dan hieronder uw SONA ID in. Als u uw SONA ID niet invult, is het niet mogelijk om de proefpersooncredits te ontvangen.

Uw SONA ID

Klik op 'Volgende' om uw SONA ID te verzenden

Bedankt voor het meedoen! Als u enige vragen heeft of meer informatie wilt, dan kunt u contact opnemen met Merijn Besselink, te bereiken op: m.besselink-2@student.utwente.nl

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Druk op 'Volgende' om de enquête te verzenden