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APPENDIX Table A-1

List of word-span stimuli per condition

real words		pseudowords		
Short	long	short	long	
Ball (ball)	Briefkasten (postbox)	Bork	Bestrugeln	
Baum (tree)	Eisenbahn (railway)	Deil	Franulich	
Eis (ice-cream)	Erdbeere (strawberry)	Fen	Karflumen ^a	
Fisch (fish)	Fernseher (TV)	Grul ^b	Külinge	
Haus (house)	Kneifzange (pliers)	Laum	Laujossung	
Pilz (mushroom)	Lichtschalter (light switch)	Lurf ^b	Mindinnen	
Schuh (shoe)	Luftballon (balloon)	Natt	Reseubelt	
Stern (star)	Schaukelpferd (rockinghorse)	Sim	Schleibunder	
Topf (pot)	Zahnbürste (toothbrush)	Tirk	Wuralten ^a	

Note. Stimuli for the real word were taken from the German Working Memory Test Battery (AGTB 5-12, Hasselhorn et al. 2012); for each length seven stimuli for pseudowords were taken from Hasselhorn et al. (2010), adding two words for each list to match the number of words per word-pool.

^a two additional three-syllable nonwords were added from AGTB 5-12, nonword-repetition task.

^b two additional one-syllable nonwords were added.

APPENDIX Table A-2

Overview of developmental trajectory models for three dependent variables (DV), as predicted by chronological age (CA), cognitive capacity (COG), and vocabulary size (VOC)

			Developmental Indicator			
DV	Group	Parameter	CA	COG	VOC	
PL capacity		Intonomta	F(1, 203) = 16.48;	F(1, 178) = 4.32;	F(1, 178) = 0.95;	
	overall	Intercept ^a	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .075$	$p = .039$; $\eta^2 = .024$	$p = .331; \eta^2 = .005$	
		Slope ^a	F(1, 203) = 3.36;	F(1, 178) = 4.63;	F(1, 178) = 0.28;	
			$p = .068$; $\eta^2 = .016$	$p = .033; \eta^2 = .025$	$p = .595$; $\eta^2 = .002$	
	MBID	Intercept ^b	F(1, 85) = 355.87;	F(1, 78) = 216.06;	F(1, 78) = 374.19;	
			$p < .001; \eta^2 = .798$	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .735$	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .828$	
		Slope ^b	F(1, 85) = 32.96;	F(1, 78) = 46.41;	F(1, 78) = 21.02;	
			$p < .001; \eta^2 = .279$	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .373$	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .212$	
	TD	Intercept ^b	F(1, 118) = 2511.2;	F(1, 100) = 291.99;	F(1, 100) = 319.03;	
			$p < .001; \eta^2 = .955$	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .745$	$p < .001$; $\eta^2 = .761$	
		Slope ^b	F(1, 118) = 54.57;	F(1, 100) = 14.48;	F(1, 100) = 29.08;	
			$p < .001; \eta^2 = .279$	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .126$	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .225$	
		Intercept ^a	F(1, 203) = 5.39;	F(1, 178) = 7.00;	F(1, 178) = 1.57;	
	overall		$p = .021; \eta^2 = .026$	$p = .009; \eta^2 = .038$	$p = .212; \eta^2 = .009$	
	Overan	Slope ^a	F(1, 203) = 1.58;	F(1, 178) = 5.94;	F(1, 178) = 1.72;	
Rehearsal		ыоре	$p = .210; \eta^2 = .008$	$p = .016; \eta^2 = .032$	$p = .192; \eta^2 = .010$	
		Intercept ^c	F(1, 85) = 26.53;	F(1, 78) = 10.50;	F(1, 78) = 56.72;	
	MBID	тистеері	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .238$	$p = .002; \eta^2 = .119$	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .421$	
		Slope ^c	F(1, 85) = 6.99;	F(1, 78) = 11.62;	F(1, 78) = 7.55;	
			$p = .010; \eta^2 = .076$	$p = .001; \eta^2 = .130$	$p = .007; \eta^2 = .088$	
	TD	Intercept ^c	F(1, 118) = 351.63;	F(1, 100) = 50.22;	F(1, 100) = 88.65;	
		F	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .749$	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .334$	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .470$	
		Slope ^c	F(1, 118) = 15.70;	F(1, 100) = 0.003;	F(1, 100) = 0.93;	
			$p < .001; \eta^2 = .117$	$p = 0.96; \eta^2 = .000$	$p = .337; \eta^2 = .009$	
Redintegration		Intercept ^a	F(1, 203) = 0.40;	F(1, 178) = 0.13;	F(1, 178) = 5.19;	
	overall		$p = .530; \eta^2 = .002$	$p = .718; \eta^2 = .001$	$p = .024; \eta^2 = .028$	
		Slope ^a	F(1, 203) = 0.25;	F(1, 178) = 0.20;	F(1, 178) = 8.21;	
			$p = .617; \eta^2 = .001$	$p = .658; \eta^2 = .001$	$p = .005; \eta^2 = .044$	
	MBID	Intercept ^c	F(1, 85) = 66.06;	F(1,78) = 30.99;	F(1, 78) = 132.71;	
		•	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .437$	$p < .001; \eta^2 = .284$		
		Slope ^c	F(1, 85) = 1.631;	F(1, 78) = 0.17;	F(1, 78) = 8.25;	
	_		$p = .205; \eta^2 = .019$	$p = .678; \eta^2 = .002$ F(1, 100) = 17.69;	$p = .005; \eta^2 = .096$	
	TD	Intercept ^c Slope ^c				
				$p < .001; \eta^2 = .150$		
				F(1, 100) = 0.97;		
			$p = .7/6; \eta^2 = .001$	$p = .328; \eta^2 = .010$	$p = .154; \eta^2 = .020$	

Note. The three dependent variables (DV) are: capacity of the phonological loop (PL) measured by the mean performance across all four task conditions; rehearsal measured by the magnitude of the word-length effect, i.e. including length as factor in the model;

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redintegration measured by the magnitude of the lexicality effect, i.e. including lexicality as factor in the model. For each DV, an overall model is estimated to compare intercept and slope between the groups; additional models are estimated separately per group to establish if the effects differ significantly from zero in each group. Intercept denotes a level difference at the youngest age measured in the MBID group. Slope denotes a difference in gradients between the groups. Three developmental indicators (DI) are used as predictors: chronological age measured in years and months, cognitive capacity (COG) measured in CFT 1-R raw scores, and vocabulary size (VOC) measured in WWT 6-10 raw scores.

^a In the overall-models, parameters refer to differences between the groups.

^b In the group models for PL-capacity, parameters refer to differences from zero.

^c In the group models for rehearsal and redintegration, parameters refer to differences between the respective conditions (i.e. length and lexicality) within each group.