

## **Factive islands revisited – experimental data on adjunct extraction**

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**Abstract:** Factive verbs (*know, regret, remember*) are traditionally said to induce weak island effects, allowing the extraction of arguments, but not that of adjuncts, from the post-verbal clause. However, there are consistent differences between various types of factive verbs, for instance between the so-called cognitive factives (*know, find out, discover*) and emotive factives (*regret, resent, be sad*). The former are generally said to be more permissive and have even been reported to allow adjunct extraction. The current study tests the availability of adjunct extraction in the case of cognitive and emotive factive verbs in English, by means of a comprehension task. The results show that adjunct extraction is indeed banned, with no difference between the two sub-types of factive verbs.

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