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How many words do you know?

– Vocabulary size test, *Reiwa* edition –

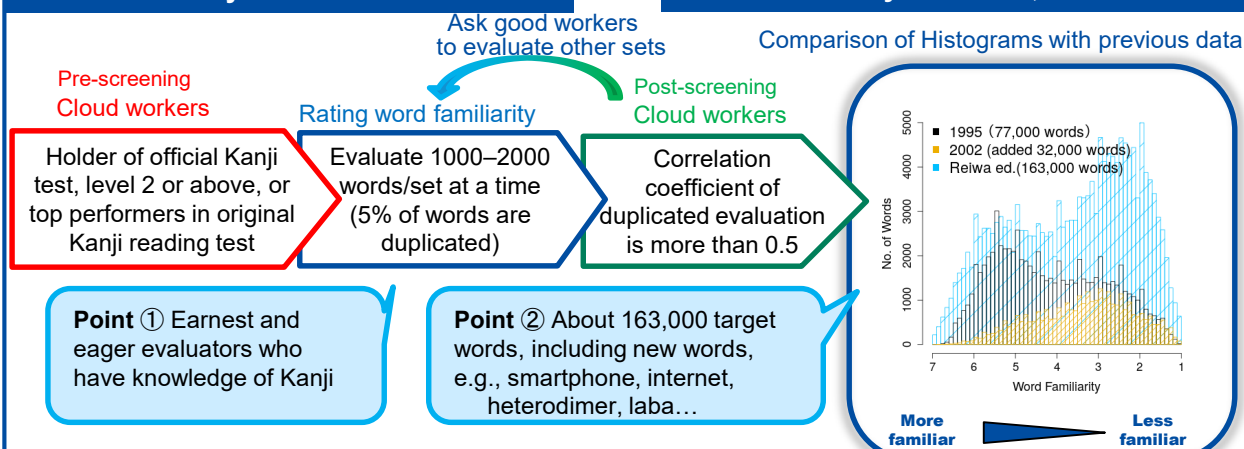
Abstract

More than 20 years ago, NTT conducted psychological experiments to investigate **word familiarity** and thus construct a Japanese lexicon of about 77,000 words. This lexicon is still used in many fields.

Now, we reinvestigated and reconstructed an **unparalleled-scale Lexicon of 163,000 words** through crowdsourcing. By applying careful screening, we succeeded in obtaining highly reliable results. This makes it possible to make comparisons with results of 20 years ago. Based on this, we created the *Reiwa* edition of a vocabulary-size estimation test. Furthermore, this lexicon allows us to estimate **the vocabulary size** appropriate for the present day. We are working on vocabulary-size investigations for a wide range of ages, including elementary school to high school students. In the future, we will investigate and analyze the relationship between vocabulary size, reading comprehension, and academic ability, aiming to **achieve effective educational support**.

Word Familiarity Examination via Cloud

Word Familiarity Database, *Reiwa* edition



Vocabulary-size estimation

Please select words that you know.

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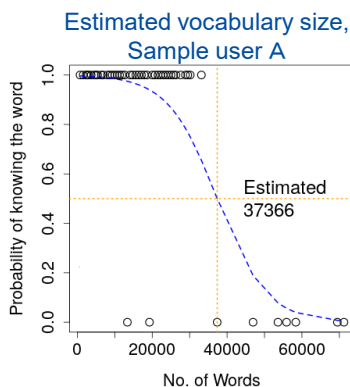
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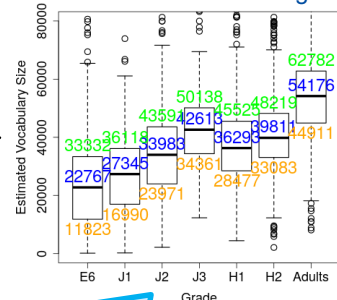
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Point ③ Checklist of only about 50 words

Vocabulary-size test:
<http://www.kecl.ntt.co.jp/icl/lirg/resources/goitokusei/>



Estimated results for each grade



Point ④ About 4,600 persons, including elementary/junior high/high school students

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