

# Stroop Effect

The famous “Stroop Effect” is named after J. Ridley Stroop who discovered this strange phenomenon in the 1930s. The words themselves have a strong influence over your ability to say the color. For example, if the word “BLUE” is printed in a red color, you should say “RED”.

# Paired Data Worksheet



Twelve (12) Participants received two versions of a graphic (similar to that seen above) in a random order. In the first version, the words were the color the word read. In the second version, the words were a different color than the word read. The time taken to them to read the Colors was recorded (in seconds) for both versions.

Subject	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Words	9.4	13.5	9.4	17.6	19.8	10.4	12.6	23.0	11.0	16.9	23.8	28.9
Colors	10.3	9.2	15.9	21.4	33.7	17.0	11.8	23.6	15.4	25.5	21.6	34.3

## Hypotheses

$H_o$  : \_\_\_\_\_

$H_A$  : \_\_\_\_\_

$\mu_1$  : The mean time in seconds to read the Colors from the graphic 1.

$\mu_2$  : The mean time in seconds to read the Colors from the graphic 2.

## Conditions

Do the data values form “roughly” a straight, diagonal line in the QQ-plots?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are the Nearly Normal Conditions Satisfied?

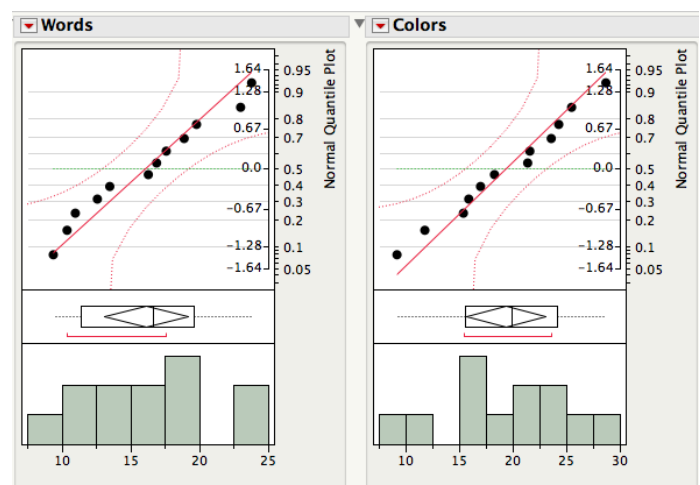
☐ Yes ☐ No

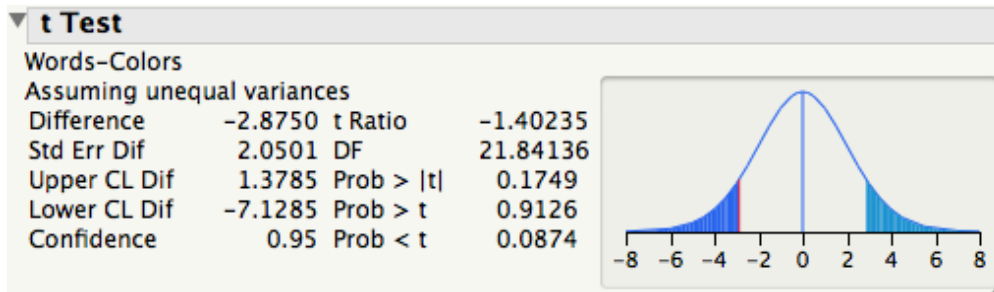
Are different subjects used for both groups?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Independent Group Condition Satisfied?

☐ Yes ☐ No





What is the Test-Statistic? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the P-value? \_\_\_\_\_

Make a decision using  $\alpha = 0.05$ . ☐ Reject  $H_o$  ☐ Fail to Reject  $H_o$

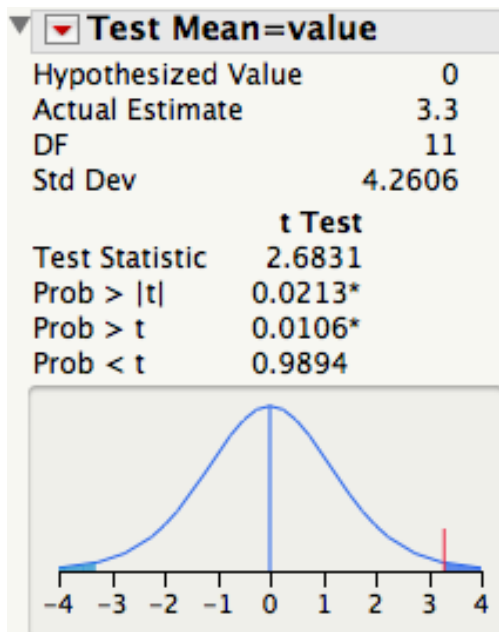
Make a conclusion:

## Paired Data: T-test on Differences

Since two times were measured from each person we do not have independent groups. Each person is acting as a block because we repeated the entire experiment on each person. By taking the differences in each person's times, we allow the Blocks to account for some of the variation in the data.

Subject	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Difference	0.9	-4.3	6.5	3.9	13.8	6.6	-0.8	0.6	4.4	8.6	-2.2	5.5

Conditions are satisfied as long as difference are Nearly Normal (they are)



$\mu_D$  : The mean difference, for each individual subject, in the time reading the colors of the words from the two graphics.

$H_o$  : \_\_\_\_\_  $H_A$  : \_\_\_\_\_

What is the Test-Statistic? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the P-value? \_\_\_\_\_

Make a decision using  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

☐ Reject  $H_o$  ☐ Fail to Reject  $H_o$

Make a conclusion: