

# **The effect of the knowledge of non-nativeness and the use of language errors in dating profile descriptions on perceived attractiveness, intelligence and trustworthiness of the writer**

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## **Abstract**

This study investigated the effects of knowledge of non-nativeness (no knowledge vs. knowledge) and language errors (no errors vs. errors) in dating profiles on the perceptions of the writer. Dating profiles are greatly popular and there is a lack of research into the language used in them, especially regarding native and non-native writers. The participants in this study were randomly assigned to one of the four conditions and were presented with three dating profiles. Participants completed a survey with 7-point scales assessing the perceived intelligence, trustworthiness and attractiveness of the writer. The results showed that there was no effect of knowledge about the writer's non-nativeness and language errors on the perceived trustworthiness and attractiveness of the writer. However, language errors had a negative effect on the perceived intelligence of the writer. In conclusion, knowledge of non-nativeness and language errors in dating profile descriptions did not have a great deal of effects on the perceptions of the writer.

**Keywords:** knowledge of non-nativeness, language errors, dating profiles, writer and perceptions

## **Introduction**

Acquiring and maintaining a second language can be difficult and can be a struggle for many people. Especially when living in a country where another language is spoken than your mother tongue, the acquisition of that language is obligatory to function in daily life. A part of this daily life is meeting new people and starting relationships, and doing this online using dating apps is a remarkably popular way. The global installs of dating apps has increased by 13% from the end of 2020 until the first half of 2021 (Wetzler, 2021). A dating profile consists of pictorial and textual factors in which language errors may occur, and language errors appear to influence the perceptions of the writer (Figueredo & Varnhagen, 2005; Schloneger, 2016; Van der Zanden et al., 2020). For non-native writers, the perceptions of the author may differ compared to native writers when making mistakes in the use of language. An earlier study has shown that language errors made by non-native English speakers were perceived as less aggravating than errors made by native English speakers (Wolfe et al., 2016). Another study by Janopoulos (1992) found that language errors made by non-native speakers were tolerated more by the participants than language errors made by native speakers. However, due to the limitations of this study, the results of this research might not be reliable.

A number of studies have shown that spelling errors can imply something about the writer's cognitive abilities. Firstly, Kreiner et al. (2002) investigated this by doing three experiments, using 82 native English students. They used three types of articles (one without spelling errors, one with phonological spelling errors and another with typographical spelling errors) and distributed those among the students. The results showed that there was a correlation between the perceived intelligence of the author and spelling ability. However, there was no effect of spelling errors on ratings of writing ability, logical ability, or intelligence of the writer. Thus, the perceptions of the author were not affected by spelling errors. The second experiment was a replication of the first experiment, but the researchers used a greater amount of spelling mistakes in the articles. The results showed that perceptions of a writer were affected by many spelling errors. Phonological errors in particular produced the lowest ratings of writing ability. Typographical errors were scarcely evaluated as poor writing skills, but more as careless or poor motor skills. In the last experiment, the researchers replicated the second experiment but used spelling errors which were actually made in real life. The results again showed that perceptions of a writer can be influenced by spelling errors, which applied mainly to writing ability. Here, phonological and typographical errors affected writing ability ratings, and there

were no differences between the two types. In conclusion, only a large number of spelling errors led to a difference in perception of the writer (Kreiner et al., 2002).

In addition, a study by Figueredo and Varnhagen (2005) also showed that the perceptions of the author suffer when spelling errors appear in a written text, especially when the errors are highlighted by a spell checker. In their experiment, students read an essay and filled in a survey with questions about their perceptions and quality of the text containing 15 spelling errors, classified as either homophonic or phonological. First, they found that perceptions of the writing ability of the author and quality of the text suffers when spelling errors are made, which is in line with the research by Kreiner et al. (2002). When errors flagged by a spell checker appeared, the perceptions of the author and the quality of the text suffered. Second, readers were more critical of non-homophone errors than they were of homophone errors. In conclusion, the responsibility for the errors is with the author and therefore the author appears to be less intelligent when spelling errors appear in a text.

Another study that looked at the relationship between spelling errors and perceived intelligence of the author found that perceived intelligence of the author was indeed lower when many spelling errors were made (Schloneger, 2016). The participants were students who read a short essay and afterwards completed a survey about the presence of spelling errors in the text. The results showed that spelling errors negatively influenced the author's perceived intelligence, writing abilities and the quality of the essay. Moreover, the more spelling errors were made in an essay, the more negative the perceptions were of the author. To summarize this study, spelling errors influenced the perceptions of an author and his/her perceived intelligence, but the participant's self-perception of their spelling ability did not influence the perception of the error. This implies that only the spelling errors influence the perceptions of the author, which also is in line with the two previous mentioned studies.

Other studies have also investigated the effect of language errors in non-academic texts, such as in business texts, and found that advertisements with language errors are rated as less persuasive than advertisements without language errors (Mozafari et al., 2019). Mozafari et al. (2019) investigated the effect of spelling and grammar on the tendency to use a business. A business wants to present itself, similar to the fact that people want to present themselves on a dating site. Mozafari et al. (2019) presented two advertisements to the participants who again were students, one advertisement with errors and one without errors. The results showed that when the errors were noticed by the participants in the advertisements, the error-laden advertisements were less persuasive than the error-free advertisements. The likelihood of the use of the service also declined when many spelling errors occurred in an ad, because the quality

of the business appeared to be low. Participants who did not notice the errors in the error-laden advertisements had equal impressions of these advertisements and of the ads without errors. Lastly, the study found that participants who would never be potential customers were less influenced by the language errors in the advertisement. These results suggest that language use does influence the perception of a business by the viewers of an advertisement. Language errors negatively influenced the persuasiveness of an advertisement and the likelihood of the use of a service. In conclusion, language errors do influence perceptions.

Focusing on social media instead of business related content, Scott et al. (2014) found that having a higher perceived language proficiency, signifying not making language errors by using language in a correct way, can come across as being intelligent and capable, by examining Facebook profiles with especially the walls containing the status of users. The participants viewed six Facebook profiles containing either two spelling mistakes, no mistakes, or were written in text speak and completed a questionnaire about the profiles. The results showed that the type of language did not influence perceived, social, physical or task attractiveness. However, correct language use did have a positive effect on perceived intelligence, competency and employability. Use of incorrect language was found to result in lower ratings of competence, but using text speak did not while the ratings for this use of language were lower than for correct language use. Lastly, the use of text speak did not have any social benefit over standard correct language, which might be expected in a social media profile. In conclusion, language proficiency, thus the use of correct error-free language, appeared to come across as being more capable and intelligent, but it did not influence the attractiveness of the author.

Multiple studies have investigated the effects of language errors on perceived attractiveness and intelligence of the writer, but only a small number of studies have examined language errors made by non-native language users. A study by Planken et al. (2019) found that when second-language English errors in a text were perceived by the readers, the trustworthiness, friendliness and competence of an author suffered as well as the text's attractiveness. However, actual language errors did not influence the evaluation by the participants on either the author or the text. Planken et al. (2019) used native and non-native English speakers to evaluate texts either containing errors or no errors, written in English by native Dutch speakers. The results suggested that the participants based their perceptions of the author and the text on their own beliefs of correct language use, regardless of the nativeness of the participants and the actual language errors in the text.

Studies about language errors in dating profiles have showed that profile texts containing errors received more attention than texts without errors and negatively influence the

writer's impressions (Van der Zanden et al., 2021; Van der Zanden et al., 2020). Firstly, Van der Zanden et al. (2021) examined how dating profiles containing pictures and text affect impression formation. Moreover, they wanted to examine whether picture attractiveness determines the attention to the text on the profile, and if this text played a secondary role. They made variations in the attractiveness of the profile pictures, and they manipulated the text by including language errors or not. The participants were students who were observed by tracking their eye movements and using perception data obtained from a survey. The results from the eye tracking study showed that pictures are more likely to attract first attention, and that people look more frequently and longer at a more attractive picture. Moreover, texts did receive attention no matter the picture's attractiveness, but profile texts with language errors received more attention than texts without errors. Lastly, both the pictures and profile text affected impression formation, since language errors affected physical attraction negatively when the picture was moderately attractive, but not when the picture was attractive or unattractive.

Having looked at the study by Van der Zanden et al. (2021) about the cues of attention in dating profiles, it can be concluded that text in a profile is always noticed and affects the impressions of the viewers of the profile. Concentrating more on the language use aspect, a study by Huang and Hancock (2021) found that language use in online dating messages can help predict the occurrence of a first date. They examined the role of language in the initiation of a first date in online dating. In dating profiles, messages are exchanged to determine the mutual interest between two dating site users. Using two studies, Huang and Hancock (2021) investigated if linguistic features can predict whether a first date occurred. In the first study, they used five possible interpersonal processes, which were interdependence, investment, emotional dynamics, coordination and decision-making. The results showed that date messages contained more words overall and per sentence than no-date messages. Thus, long messages may imply interest and investment of effort. Also first-persons pronouns, less negative emotions in the messages and high frequencies of decision-making language may imply the occurrence of a first date. In the second study, a new dataset was used. Similar results as in the first study appeared, for example that positive language and longer messages use implied the occurrence of a first date. In conclusion, certain linguistic features in online dating messages can help predict the occurrence of a possible first date. This again shows an effect of language on attitudes towards dating profile writers, since linguistic features can show whether a first date had occurred. Thus, when using certain linguistic features, attitudes towards one another as dating profile users can be influenced.

Lastly, Van der Zanden et al. (2020) investigated the impact of language errors on impression formation in online dating profiles. They conducted two studies to investigate this. In the first study, participants were shown profile pictures that matched their personal sexual preferences. Through the use of a questionnaire, Van der Zanden et al. (2020) examined what the effect of language errors is on perceptions of attraction and on dating intention, plus if this is influenced by the profile picture. The results showed that profile owners who had errors in their texts were perceived as less socially and romantically attractive than owners without errors in their texts. Moreover, a visible picture in a dating profile positively influenced perceptions of physical attraction. The second study focused on three types of language errors: rule-based, mechanical and informal language errors. The results showed that rule-based and mechanical errors led to lower scores on perceived intelligence and attentiveness. This in turn led to lower attraction and dating intention scores. In conclusion, results from the first and the second study together suggest that errors in dating profiles negatively influence impressions of profile owners.

To conclude, some studies have examined the effects of mistakes in language, especially in academic texts and what the readers think of the author. Not many studies have been conducted about the effects of language errors in dating profiles, while the use of dating websites is remarkably popular in modern days. Over 323 million people worldwide were using a dating website in 2021, compared to 293.7 million people worldwide in 2020 (Curry, 2022). Dating profiles thus are used by a large number of people. It has already been proven that language errors negatively influence the perceptions of a text or of the writer of a text (Kreiner et al., 2002; Schloneger, 2016; Figueredo and Varnhagen, 2005; Van der Zanden et al., 2020). However, no study would appear to have investigated the perceptions of people who are non-native using a dating site in relation to their language errors. It also has not been investigated yet whether the knowledge of non-nativeness might influence the perceptions of the writers regarding their language errors. Investigation into this topic is of great relevance, since the use of dating apps is growing and societies are becoming incredibly divers. For example, in 2019, 44.9 immigrants (foreign-born individuals) were living in North-America, comprising 14% of the population (American Immigration Council, 2021). Because there is an extensive research gap in this area, the following research question was developed to examine this phenomenon:

What is the effect of the knowledge of non-nativeness and the use of language errors in dating profile descriptions on perceived attractiveness, intelligence and trustworthiness of the writer?

## **Methodology**

### *Materials*

There were two independent variables in this study. The first one was language error. This variable had two levels, namely error vs. no error. The language error was a mistake in the use of language and consisted of a range of different errors: a code-switching error, spelling/non-homophone error, homophone error, grammatical error and a vocabulary error. The second independent variable was the knowledge of the non-nativeness of the writer, that is, the user of the dating profile. This variable also consisted of two levels, namely knowledge of the non-nativeness of the writer and no knowledge of the non-nativeness of the writer. The native writer was an American English speaker, and a non-native writer was a non-native American English speaker.

Both independent variables were nominal and the first one was operationalized by presenting participants with three excerpts of a dating profile from the website Kaggle.com (Larxel, 2010). This study received an anonymized dataset created with permission to use. The researchers from this study annotated and sorted the dating profiles on native and non-native writers. The native writers were fluent English speakers and the non-native writers were poor in English and fluent in Spanish. Nine researchers evaluated the profiles and collectively decided which six profiles were going to be used. The dating profiles either all contained errors or did not contain errors, and thus were from a native American English speaker or from a bilingual American English speaker. The used dating profiles were real and contained natural occurring errors.

The second independent variable was operationalized by informing the participants about the non-nativeness of the profile user. The text of the dating profile was written in English and was presented to the participants with a small description about the profile user. This description contained the language the writer speaks fluently and other languages he or she can speak in the condition with knowledge about non-nativeness. In the condition without knowledge about the non-nativeness, the language proficiency of the writer was not displayed. In all conditions, the dating profile contained information about the location of the writer, the zodiac sign, the gender and the relationship status. The used dating profiles in this study are presented in the Appendix (Appendix 1), grouped per condition.

### *Subjects*

Fifty participants were male (38.2%) and 81 participants were female (61.8%). A Chi-square test showed that gender was not equally distributed ( $\chi^2(1) = 4.54, p = .033$ ) over the two conditions 'error' and 'no error'. In the 'error' condition there were more female participants (58.9%) than male participants (41.1%). In the 'no error' condition there also were more female participants (65.5%) than male participants (34.5%). A Chi-square test showed that gender was equally distributed ( $\chi^2(1) = .47, p = .492$ ) over the two groups 'knowledge of non-nativeness' and 'no knowledge of non-nativeness' within the 'error' condition. A Chi-square test showed that gender was not equally distributed ( $\chi^2(1) = 8.10, p = .004$ ) over the two groups 'knowledge of non-nativeness' and 'no knowledge of non-nativeness' within the 'no error' condition. In the 'knowledge' condition there were more female participants (90.0%) than male participants (10.0%). In the 'no knowledge' condition there also were more female participants (52.6%) than male participants (47.4%).

Moreover, 23.7% of the participants were in or had finished high school, 58% were studying or had finished a bachelor's degree and 11.5% were studying for or had finished a master's degree. 6.8% of the participants displayed other answers. A Chi-square test showed that educational level was equally distributed ( $\chi^2(6) = 4.73, p = .577$ ) over the two conditions 'error' and 'no error'. A Chi-square test showed that educational level was equally distributed ( $\chi^2(4) = 5.52, p = .476$ ) over the two groups 'knowledge of non-nativeness' and 'no knowledge of non-nativeness' within the 'error' condition. A Chi-square test showed that educational level was equally distributed ( $\chi^2(6) = 5.34, p = .501$ ) over the two groups 'knowledge of non-nativeness' and 'no knowledge of non-nativeness' within the 'no error' condition.

The participants also indicated whether they had used a dating platform before. Of all participants, 46.6% had no experience with dating platforms, while 53.4% did have experience with dating platforms. A Chi-square test showed that dating platform experience was equally distributed ( $\chi^2(1) = 1.07, p = .302$ ) over the two conditions 'error' and 'no error'. A Chi-square test showed that dating platform experience was equally distributed ( $\chi^2(1) = 1.05, p = .305$ ) over the two groups 'knowledge of non-nativeness' and 'no knowledge of non-nativeness' within the 'error' condition. A Chi-square test showed that dating platform experience was equally distributed ( $\chi^2(1) = 0.29, p = .592$ ) over the two groups 'knowledge of non-nativeness' and 'no knowledge of non-nativeness' within the 'no error' condition.

Most participants in this study were Dutch (59.5%). Participants also had a German nationality (11.5%), a British nationality (3.1%), a Spanish nationality (0.8%) and an American

nationality (0.8%). Moreover, 24.3% of the participants indicated that they had another nationality. A Chi-square test showed that nationality was equally distributed ( $\chi^2 (5) = 3.88, p = .567$ ) over the two conditions ‘error’ and ‘no error’. A Chi-square test showed that nationality was equally distributed ( $\chi^2 (4) = 5.47, p = .243$ ) over the two groups ‘knowledge of non-nativeness’ and ‘no knowledge of non-nativeness’ within the ‘error’ condition. A Chi-square test showed that nationality was equally distributed ( $\chi^2 (4) = 3.54, p = .471$ ) over the two groups ‘knowledge of non-nativeness’ and ‘no knowledge of non-nativeness’ within the ‘no error’ condition.

The age of the participants ranged between 18 and 64 years ( $M = 24,7, SD = 9.28$ ). A two-way analysis of variance showed an equal distribution ( $F (1, 127) = 1.00, p = .500$ ) in age between the conditions of ‘language error’ and an equal distribution ( $F (1, 127) < 1$ ) between the conditions of ‘knowledge of non-nativeness’. A two-way analysis of variance also showed an equal distribution between all groups ( $F (1, 127) < 1$ ) over the four conditions.

Also, the participants rated their own English skills on a 7-point scale ( $M = 5.95, SD = 1.20$ ). A two-way analysis of variance showed an equal distribution ( $F (1, 127) < 1$ ) in English skills between the conditions of ‘language error’ and an equal distribution ( $F (1, 127) < 1$ ) between the conditions of ‘knowledge of non-nativeness’. A two-way analysis of variance also showed an equal distribution between all groups ( $F (1, 127) < 1$ ) over the four conditions.

Table 1 shows the distribution of participants across the four conditions regarding their gender.

Table 1 *Distribution of participants regarding gender across the four conditions*

Condition		Male	Female	Total
1	Knowledge about non-nativeness Error	15	25	40
2	Knowledge about non-nativeness No error	2	18	20
3	No knowledge about non-nativeness Error	15	18	33
4	No knowledge about non-nativeness No error	18	20	38
	Total	50	81	131

### *Design*

The research was conducted using a 2x2 experimental between-subjects design. Two independent variables were used, both consisting of two levels. The first independent variable was language error, with no error vs. error. The second variable was knowledge of the non-nativeness of the writer with either knowledge of the non-nativeness of the writer or no knowledge of the non-nativeness of the writer. The three dependent variables which were investigated were perceived attractiveness of the writer, perceived intelligence of the writer and perceived trustworthiness of the writer. One group of participants viewed three dating profiles without errors and with knowledge of the non-nativeness, one group viewed three dating profiles without errors and without knowledge of the non-nativeness, another group viewed three dating profiles with errors and with knowledge of the non-nativeness, and lastly one group viewed three dating profiles without errors and with knowledge of the non-nativeness. All groups answered the same questions regarding the dependent variables.

### *Instruments*

In this study, three dependent variables were examined: perceived attractiveness of the writer, perceived intelligence of the writer and perceived trustworthiness of the writer. All three were measured on the interval level. The first dependent variable, perceived attractiveness of the writer, was examined based on Van der Zanden et al. (2020). To examine attractiveness, this study used the following statements: “I think this person is pleasant to spend time with”, “I think that I could be friends with this person”, “I do not feel attracted to this person” and “I would not want to go out with this person”. Participants answered these statements by filling out a Likert-scale with 7 points, ranging from ‘strongly disagree’ to ‘strongly agree’. The second dependent variable, perceived intelligence of the writer, was investigated based on research by Leach et al. (2007). This study used the following statements for perceived intelligence: “I think the writer is intelligent”, “I think the writer is competent” and “I think the writer is skilled”. These statements were accompanied by a 7-point Likert scale, ranging from ‘strongly disagree’ to ‘strongly agree’. The third and last dependent variable, perceived trustworthiness of the writer, was measured based on a study by Planken et al. (2019). In this study, perceived trustworthiness was measured using the following statements: “I think the writer is honest”, “I think the writer is reliable” and “I think the writer is sincere”. Again, these statements were accompanied by a 7-point Likert scale, ranging from ‘strongly disagree’ to ‘strongly agree’. The survey is presented in the Appendix (Appendix 2).

The reliability and internal consistency of the scales was also calculated using Cronbach's alpha. The reliability of the scale measuring 'perceived attractiveness of the writer' was good:  $\alpha = .80$ . The reliability of the scales measuring 'perceived intelligence of the writer' ( $\alpha = .77$ ) and 'perceived trustworthiness of the writer' ( $\alpha = .74$ ) were acceptable.

### *Procedure*

Firstly, the Ethics Assessment Committee Humanities has evaluated and approved this research project, of which the official document is presented in the Appendix (Appendix 3).

The experiment was conducted online with voluntary participation. The participants were not compensated for participation. The gathering of the participants was done by using the snowball method. The questionnaire was sent to them via an online message, and people who received the survey shared it with others, which resulted in the snowball method of sampling. At the start of the questionnaire, the participants read information about the experiment such as an introduction to the study, some risks and discomfort that may take place, what will happen to the data and where the participants could file a complaint. The participants were also informed about the aim of the study. The presented aim was that the researchers wanted to investigate reactions to and evaluations of dating profile descriptions, and that they were interested in what the participants think about what people have written about themselves in the profile they have posted on a dating website.

The experiment was conducted using Qualtrics. When the participants started the experiment, they were first presented with information about the study, after which the participants needed to give consent in order to proceed to the actual experiment. After this, they were asked to answer some personal questions about their age, gender and preference of gender in the dating profiles. Participants chose whether they wanted to see three male profiles or three female profiles, or they could indicate that they did not have a preference. After this, they were assigned to one random condition of the four. Each participant saw three dating profiles, all three either with or without errors and with a small description of the writer of the profile. After this presentation, the participants filled out a questionnaire to measure all the dependent variables. The questionnaire was filled in per dating profile, so after each of the three dating profiles the participants filled in the questions. Firstly, the participants answered questions about the perceived trustworthiness of the writer, secondly about the perceived intelligence and lastly the questions about the perceived attractiveness were answered. After the questions about

the dating profiles, more personal questions were asked about their educational level, previous experience with dating platforms, mother tongue, nationality, and English language proficiency. In the end, the participants were kindly thanked for their involvement and they finished taking part in the experiment in approximately 15 minutes.

### *Statistical treatment*

The statistical tests used were two-way ANOVAs with language errors and knowledge of non-nativeness as factors for the dependent variables ‘perceived attractiveness of the writer’, ‘perceived trustworthiness of the writer’ and ‘perceived intelligence of the writer’.

## Results

Table 2 shows the means, standard deviations and number of participants for perceived writer attractiveness, perceived writer intelligence and perceived writer trustworthiness in function of error and knowledge about non-nativeness of the writer.

Table 2 *Number of cases, means and standards deviations (between brackets) for the participants' attitude towards perceived writer attractiveness, perceived writer intelligence and perceived writer trustworthiness in all four conditions (1 = 'strongly disagree', to 7 = 'strongly agree')*

	Knowledge		No knowledge	
	Error	No error	Error	No error
	N = 40	N = 20	N = 33	N = 38
	<i>M (SD)</i>	<i>M (SD)</i>	<i>M (SD)</i>	<i>M (SD)</i>
Perceived writer attractiveness	3.80 (0.90)	3.88 (0.65)	3.68 (0.74)	4.07 (1.00)
Perceived writer intelligence	4.15 (0.84)	4.61 (0.71)	3.95 (0.88)	4.58 (0.70)
Perceived writer trustworthiness	4.90 (0.92)	5.08 (0.55)	4.83 (0.75)	5.07 (0.79)

### *Perceived writer attractiveness*

A two-way analysis of variance with knowledge of non-nativeness and errors as factors showed no significant main effect of knowledge on attraction ( $F(1, 12) < 1$ ). Errors did not have a significant main effect on attraction ( $F(1, 12) = 1.09, p = .298$ ). The interaction effect between knowledge of non-nativeness and errors was not statistically significant ( $F(1, 12) = 1.18, p = .279$ ).

### *Perceived writer intelligence*

A two-way analysis of variance with knowledge of non-nativeness and errors as factors showed no significant main effect of knowledge on intelligence ( $F(1, 12) < 1$ ). Errors did have a significant main effect on intelligence ( $F(1, 12) = 4.65, p = .033$ ). The interaction effect between knowledge of non-nativeness and errors was not statistically significant ( $F(1, 12) =$

1.56,  $p = .214$ ). Writers with no errors in their profile ( $M = 4.59$ ,  $SD = 0.70$ ) were perceived as more intelligent than writers with errors in their profile ( $M = 4.06$ ,  $SD = 0.86$ )

#### *Perceived writer trustworthiness*

A two-way analysis of variance with knowledge of non-nativeness and errors as factors showed no significant main effect of knowledge on trustworthiness ( $F(1, 13) < 1$ ). Errors did not have a significant main effect on trustworthiness ( $F(1, 13) = 2.02$ ,  $p = .157$ ). The interaction effect between knowledge of non-nativeness and errors was not statistically significant ( $F(1, 12) < 1$ ).

## **Conclusion**

This study aimed to obtain an answer to the question whether language errors and knowledge of non-nativeness of dating profile writers influence perceived perceptions of the writers. To investigate this, a 2x2 between-subjects experiment was set up with language errors and knowledge of non-nativeness as independent variables, and perceived intelligence, attractiveness and trustworthiness of the writer as dependent variables. According to the statistical results, there is only one effect. The language errors in the dating profiles do have an effect on the perceived intelligence of the writer. Thus, when errors are made in a dating profile description, the perceived intelligence of the writer suffers. Regarding language errors in relation to the perceived attractiveness and trustworthiness of the writer, there were no effects. Thus, no matter how many and which errors were made in a dating profile, the perceived attractiveness and trustworthiness would not suffer. Also, for the knowledge of non-nativeness, no effects were found regarding all three dependent variables. This implies that the knowledge of non-nativeness does not affect perceived attractiveness, trustworthiness or intelligence of the writer. The participants made no distinction in their evaluations of either native or non-native writers.

## Discussion

The conclusion is in some aspects in line with previous research, but not all results are similar. Firstly, the only effect found in this study is that language errors in dating profile descriptions negatively influence the perceived intelligence of the writer. This result is in line with studies done by Schloneger (2016) and Scott et al. (2014). They displayed that incorrect language use and the occurrence of spelling errors negatively influenced the writers' intelligence. In addition, a study by Van der Zanden et al. (2020) showed that language errors led to lower scores on perceived writers' intelligence. Thus, these results are in line with the result obtained in this study.

No effects of perceived attractiveness and trustworthiness were found in this study. This is in line with a study conducted by Scott et al. (2014), where they found that the language use, meaning committing errors or not, did not influence the perceived attractiveness of the writer. However, a study by Planken et al. (2014) found that second-language errors made the trustworthiness of an author suffer, which is not in line with this study. A study by Van der Zanden et al. (2020) found that dating profile owners who had errors in their text were perceived as less attractive than dating profile owners who did not have errors in their text, which also is not in line with this study. Lastly, the results in this study are also not in line with a study by Kreiner et al. (2002). They did not find any effects of language errors on the perceived intelligence of the writer, while there was an effect of language errors on perceived intelligence of the writer in this study. Regarding the knowledge of the non-nativeness, Wolfe et al. (2016) and Janopoulos (1992) found that language errors made by non-native speakers were tolerated more than language errors made by native speakers in written texts. These results also are not in line with this study, since there are no effects for knowledge of non-nativeness.

The differences in results between this study and other studies, and the fact that there was only one significant effect found, which was for the perceived intelligence in relation to the errors, could be due to the fact that there were some limitations to the study. Firstly, the group of participants was not equally distributed regarding their gender within the 'no error' condition, containing the two groups 'knowledge of non-nativeness' and 'no knowledge of non-nativeness'. This implies that the results for this condition are not generalizable. The distribution of the participants is not equal in this study, and there also is not a minimum of 25 participants per condition. Furthermore, in the survey was a small bar beneath each profile in which participants had the option to type. This bar was not supposed to be there and caused some confusion. Moreover, in the survey there was not an option to go back to the profiles

while answering the questions, and this may have resulted in less accurate answers by the participants due to lack of memory of a profile. Also, a great limitation in this research is that the participants had the option to get a randomized profile regarding the gender, instead of choosing between male or female profiles. It was afterwards unclear which gender of the writer the participants got presented with and therefore their responses could not be used and analyzed. Lastly, some of the participants might not have noticed the language errors and therefore their answers to the condition containing errors might be included in the results of the condition without errors. These limitations might explain the differences in results between this study and earlier studies. In earlier studies, often more results were found, for example in the studies by Planken et al. (2014) and Van der Zanden et al. (2020). A lack of results in this study can be due to the unequal distribution of the participants and to the deficiencies of the survey. Using more participants that would be equally distributed in the future may cause more results that align with previous studies, as well as a survey without any limitations.

For further research it can be recommended to be more secure of the distribution of gender of participants between the groups and within conditions. This might be relevant since it will provide generalizable and reliable results. Moreover, it might be interesting to investigate why and how language errors affect perceived intelligence of writer, and the greater consequences of this. It has now been confirmed by multiple studies (Scott et al., 2014; Schloneger, 2016; Van der Zanden et al., 2020) that language errors negatively influence the perceived intelligence of the writer. In this study it was also confirmed that language errors influence the intelligence of the writer. However, knowledge about the non-nativeness of the writer did not have an effect on the perceived intelligence, attractiveness or trustworthiness of the writer. It might be interesting to investigate in the future whether there can be an effect of (non-)nativeness on perceptions of the author. An option for future investigation might be to again display dating profiles of native and non-native English speakers to participants, and gather a sufficient amount of participants to reassure the homogeneity between groups. It might also be interesting to examine the perceived intelligence of the writer more thoroughly, by for instance focusing one study on intelligence only and develop more detailed questions about this variable.

The findings from this study contribute to earlier research by further confirming that perceived intelligence of the writer is influenced by language errors. Although knowledge of non-nativeness did not have an effect on the perceived intelligence of the writer regarding their language errors, there might be an effect in future research when groups are similar and the survey does not contain constraints. To avoid suffering of the perceived intelligence of the

writer due to language errors, the writer could do a number of things. This might especially be important for non-native writers when using a dating profile. A (non-native) writer of a dating profile could ask another individual to read the text to control it in order to avoid language errors. The (non-native) writer could also write his/her text in a program with a spell checker, to automatically get feedback on language errors.





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## Appendix 1: Dating profiles

Profiles condition 1 (with knowledge and with error):

 <p><b>Name:</b> <i>name</i>  <b>Location:</b> San Francisco          6 miles away  <b>Zodiac sign:</b> Libra  <b>Gender:</b> female  <b>Relationship status:</b> single  <b>English:</b> poor  <b>Spanish:</b> fluent</p>	<p><b>My self story:</b>          I'm from PLACE. Now I'm in a cultural interchange here. I like to meet new people, different cultures and I'm really open mind for new experiences. I'm a sincerely, spontaneous and passionate person. I was studying philosophy and I love it, but I needed to breath and broke my routine and I change my life completely for a little bit. I hate routines!!! Home+sofa+cuddling watching movies when is raining, it will be great. I think is very cute take a walk under the rain too. The communication with other person about your feelings and be honest is the best way for a good relationship. I always give the 100% and I expect the same. I'm very laid-back. I'm looking for someone who knows to enjoy the life with music, dance, art, good conversations pleaseeeee and who can feel passion (of course, good sex is important too). I always ready to learn new things, for that I love when a person can teach me something new. I spend my free time be volunteer in an animal rescue shelter. I totally enjoy the outdoors!!! Hiking, camping, going to the gym, doing yoga, swimming, rollerblading, reading, listening music, exploring new places, travelling, looking for live music, doing collages, sleeping and looking for new people here.</p> <p><b>What I'm doing with my life:</b>          Now I'm living in San Francisco with my new family. I came here to live new experiences and meet people. Walking at the beach. I really love it. I never can't live in a place far to the beach!!! Specially now I trying to live the moment!!! ;) I trying to finish this profile, but I'm always put something new!!!</p> <p><b>The first thing people notice about me:</b>          My beautiful smile, my accent and that I'm a very friendly and sociable person.</p> <p><b>On a typical Friday night I am:</b>          Sometimes I like going out and getting something to eat or have some drinks in a cool bar or trying something new. I also like to stay at home and just relax in the bathtub or watch movies. But if you propose something different and fun to me, I'm open!!!</p> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">     </div>
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 <p><b>Name:</b> <i>NAME</i>  <b>Location:</b> San Francisco          10 miles away  <b>Zodiac sign:</b> Cancer  <b>Gender:</b> female  <b>Relationship status:</b> single  <b>English:</b> poor  <b>Spanish:</b> fluent</p>	<p><b>My self story:</b>          Grew up in a little town in PLACE, where is full of drugs, guns, and people gets killed everywhere. It wasnt like that when I was little though. Moved to the city to go to college, and when I finished I decided to come here to learn English. I lived 17 months in D.C., and have been here for about 6 months. I love food specially unhealthy delicious food (I got great genes :)), and also love beer. I hate fancy places. Im a very happy person. I love life!</p> <p><b>What I'm doing with my life:</b>          For now, Im just enjoying mi time in this amazing country. :)</p> <p><b>I'm really good at:</b>          Im very good at drinking beer, and very good at having hangovers, very good eater and Im very good talking.</p> <p><b>On a typical Friday night I am:</b>          Sometimes I just wanna open a beer get some peanuts and watch a good movie in bed....some other days I feel like putting on uncomfortable heels,spend some time (20min) in my hair, and going out with my friends!</p> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">     </div>
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**My self story:**

Hi!!! My name is NAME and I'm from PLACE ;). I came to San Francisco a few months ago to try to get some studies here (business). Is my first time here and I love this city and all that I've visited in this country. I love to meet people, is the reason why I'm here. I'm a bit shy on the begging until I know you more. I'm a happy person and very smiling. I love sense of humor. I'm honest (always). I love sports, my best one is swimming (hope to try in the ocean to Alcatraz some day). I like help people (if you have the opportunity to help someone and you do not then you're wasting your life). I'm curious without badness, sometimes a little naive (but learning). I love to cook, Spanish food is my best. I like to learn new things. I like to read. I like to watch films. I love to travel and see new places, that ever I saw before.

**What I'm doing with my life:**

Is writing a book (the most important thing to me in this moment), traveling all I can, learning languages and getting lot of experiences!

**The first thing people notice about me:**

Is my smile. I'm a really happy person and I'm all the time smiling "A smile means a lot. It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who offer it. Lasts a second but the memory sometimes is never deleted" and my eyes I guess.

**The 6 things I could never do without:**

Friends, family, love, patience, happiness, humor, water, air, sun... 6 is not enough...

**On a typical Friday night I am:**

With my friends drinking something, maybe at a party (not very often), at the cinema, at home lying (watching tv/film and relax), travelling or writing.



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**English:** poor  
**Spanish:** fluent

**My self story:**

I describe my self in two word funny n crazy... Im always happy. I like to enjoy life. I love extreme sports n dance, even tho i dont have to much time between my work n school, but i trying to make the best of me. I love to play soccer n dance. Thats what i do on my free time. I like to clubbing every saturday with my friends n have fun. Life is too short to think about what to do. Im spontaneous and passionate. I always fight for what or.who i want. I dont dream, but I dont have limits. I know that I can do anything if I want to, so now Im trying to become a criminology. I like to take the risk to live a great life.

**What I'm doing with my life:**

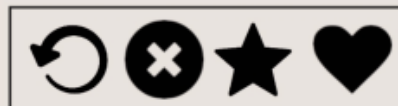
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**Favourite books, movie, TV, food:**

Im not a good reader, but my favorite movie is Harry Potter and my kind of music is hip hop n rite now my favorite song is Headlights from Drake n Lil Wayne.

**On a typical friday night I am:**

I spend my Fridays night at home.with my friends watching a movie n drinking hot coffe and sometimes i go to the club and dance my ass off.



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 <p><b>Name:</b> NAME  <b>Location:</b> San Francisco        4 miles away  <b>Zodiac sign:</b> Cancer  <b>Gender:</b> male  <b>Relationship status:</b> single  <b>English:</b> poor  <b>Spanish:</b> fluent</p>	<p><b>My self story:</b>        What can I say? Well, I've been in SF for quite awhile. Since I've been living in this small city, I've been too busy working and going from place to place socializing with anyone, who want to share a real relationship with me. In other words, I am a person, who likes to meet people from everywhere and respect them to the fullest. I am very understandable person, who forgive people right away because we deserve a second chance. I believe that we all commit errors of any kind, as the days go by, so why shouldn't I forgive?</p> <p><b>What I'm doing with my life:</b>        I have an ordinary life. Working in a catering company and going to city college because I want to learn what I didn't do in my sweet years. I don't regret it dough! Back on track Mario :)</p> <p><b>I'm really good at:</b>        Jogging, riding bike, making friends, and sleeping. I am scare to swim in the ocean though, and deep swimming pools.</p> <p><b>The things I could never do without:</b>        Mom, because she has given me unconditional love. Friends, because they remind me that I am still alive. School, because there always is something to learn about. TV, because it keeps me away of my loneliness. Books, because I like to know the wisdom of others.</p> <p><b>On a typical Friday night I am:</b>        Go to the bar with friends or watch TV if I don't want to drink. Like today:)</p> 
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Profiles condition 2 (with knowledge and without error):

<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  </div> <p><b>Name:</b> <i>name</i>  <b>Location:</b> San Francisco          6 miles away  <b>Zodiac sign:</b> Libra  <b>Gender:</b> female  <b>Relationship status:</b> single  <b>English:</b> poor  <b>Spanish:</b> fluent</p>	<p><b>My self story:</b>          I'm from PLACE. Now I'm on a cultural interchange here. I like to meet new people, learn about different cultures and I'm really open minded for new experiences. I'm a sincere, spontaneous and passionate person. I was studying philosophy and I loved it, but I needed to breathe, so I broke my routine and I changed my life completely for a little bit. I hate routines!!! Home + sofa + cuddling + watching movies when it is raining = it will be great. I think it is very cute to take a walk in the rain too. Communicating with other people about your feelings and being honest is the best way to have a good relationship. I always give my 100% and I expect the same. I'm very laid-back. I'm looking for someone who knows how to enjoy life with music, dance, art, good conversations pleaseeeee, and who can feel passion (of course good sex is important too). I am always ready to learn new things, as I love it when a person can teach me something new. I spend my free time volunteering in an animal rescue shelter. I totally enjoy the outdoors!!! Hiking, camping, going to the gym, doing yoga, swimming, rollerblading, reading, listening to music, exploring new places, traveling, looking for live music, doing collages, sleeping and looking for new people here.</p> <p><b>What I'm doing with my life:</b>          Now I'm living in San Francisco with my new family. I came here to have new experiences and meet people. Walking on the beach, I really love it. I could never live in a place far from the beach!!! Especially now I am trying to live in the moment!!! ;) I am trying to finish this profile, but I'm always putting something new!!!</p> <p><b>The first thing people notice about me:</b>          My beautiful smile, my accent and that I'm a very friendly and sociable person.</p> <p><b>On a typical Friday night I am:</b>          Sometimes I like going out and getting something to eat or having some drinks in a cool bar or trying something new. I also like to stay at home and just relax in the bathtub or watch movies, but if you propose something different and fun to me, I'm open!!!</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>
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**What I'm doing with my life:**

Is writing a book (the most important thing to me at the moment), traveling as much as I can, learning languages and getting a lot of experiences!

**The first thing people notice about me:**

Is my smile, I'm a really happy person and I'm smiling all the time. "A smile means a lot. It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who offer it. A smile lasts a second but sometimes the memory of it is never deleted". And my eyes I guess.

**The 6 things I could never do without:**

Friends, family, love, patience, happiness, humor, water, air, sun... 6 is not enough...

**On a typical Friday night I am:**

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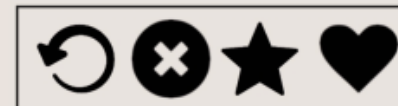
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Profiles condition 3 (without knowledge and with error):

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Is writing a book (the most important thing to me in this moment), traveling all I can, learning languages and getting lot of experiences!

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Is my smile. I'm a really happy person and I'm all the time smiling "A smile means a lot. It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who offer it. Lasts a second but the memory sometimes is never deleted" and my eyes I guess.

**The 6 things I could never do without:**

Friends, family, love, patience, happiness, humor, water, air, sun... 6 is not enough...

**On a typical Friday night I am:**

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**What I'm doing with my life:**

Rite now Im in collegue trying to make my future, but Im working as well n between that Im enjoying life.

**Favourite books, movie, TV, food:**

Im not a good reader, but my favorite movie is Harry Potter and my kind of music is hip hop n rite now my favorite song is Headlights from Drake n Lil Wayne.

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**On a typical Friday night I am:**

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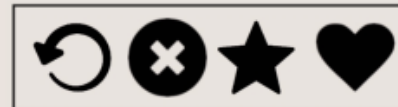
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## **Appendix 2: The survey**

### Consent INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESEARCH STUDY

#### Evaluation of dating profiles

##### Introduction

We would like to invite you to participate in an online research study. Participation is voluntary. If you want to participate, we will ask you to sign a consent form. Before you decide whether or not to take part, we will give you information about the study. Please take time to read the following information carefully. If something is not clear, or you would like more information, please ask the researcher.

##### Outline and aim of the research study

In this research study we want to investigate reactions to and evaluations of dating profile descriptions. We want to know what you think about what people have written about themselves in the profile they have posted on a dating website. We for instance want to know if, based on the profile, you find the person attractive and if you would be interested in dating them.

##### What is going to happen to you?

In this research study you will read a short dating profile and evaluate it using a questionnaire with open questions and rating scales. We expect this to take at most 15 minutes. We ask you for the following personal information: gender, age, country of residence, nationality, native language, language proficiency.

##### Risks and discomfort

This research study carries certain risks/discomforts. We ask you to indicate your sexual orientation in order to match you with appropriate dating profiles. If you prefer not to disclose your personal information, please do not take part in this study.

##### Voluntary participation

Your participation in this research is voluntary. This means that you can withdraw your participation and consent at any time during the research, without giving a reason. Even up to two weeks after participating you can have your research data and personal data removed, by sending a request to [iris.hendrickx@ru.nl](mailto:iris.hendrickx@ru.nl).

##### What will happen to my data?

The research data we collect during this study will be used by scientists as part of data sets, articles and presentations. The anonymized research data is accessible to other scientists for a period of at least 10 years. Personal data collected remain confidential. When we share data with other researchers, these data cannot be traced back to you. All research and personal data are safely stored following the Radboud University guidelines.

##### More information?

If you have any questions or would like more information about the research study, please contact us using the contact information at the bottom of this letter.

### Ethical assessment and complaints

This research study has been approved by the Ethics Assessment Committee Humanities of Radboud University (ETC-GW dossier 2022-2166).

Should you have any complaints regarding this research, please contact the researcher. You can also file a complaint with the secretary of the Ethics Assessment Committee Humanities of Radboud University (etc-gw@ru.nl)

For questions on data processing in this research, please contact: dataofficer@let.ru.nl

### Consent form

If you want to participate in this research study, we ask you to agree to the information on the consent form that you can access by clicking on the following link:

[https://radboudletteren.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1XQWPa4eJDVVRFY](https://radboudletteren.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1XQWPa4eJDVVRFY)

With this consent, you declare that you have understood the information we have provided and consent to participate in this research study.

Kind regards,

Victoria Gillrath (victoria.gillrath@student.ru.nl)

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Mihaela Popova

Hilda Ouraaha

Iulia Visan

Julia Heijckers

Klaas Kant

Lisa Janssen

Nina Florijn

- I consent to participate (1)
- I do not consent to participate (2)

How old are you?

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What is your gender?

- Female (1)
- Male (2)
- Non-binary (3)
- Prefer not to share (4)

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In real life, would you prefer to see a dating profile of:

- A woman (3)
- A man (4)
- I don't mind (5)

Profile 1

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Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Partially disagree (3)	Neutral (4)	Partially agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly agree (7)
I think the writer is honest (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think the writer is reliable (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think the writer is sincere (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Partially disagree (3)	Neutral (4)	Partially agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly agree (7)
I think the writer is intelligent (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think the writer is competent (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think the writer is skilled (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Partially disagree (3)	Neutral (4)	Partially agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly agree (7)
I think this person is highly educated (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Partially disagree (3)	Neutral (4)	Partially agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly agree (7)
I think this person is highly fluent in English (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Partially disagree (3)	Neutral (4)	Partially agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly agree (7)
I think this person is pleasant to spend time with (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think that I could be friends with this person (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I do not feel attracted to this person (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would not want to go out with this person (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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I do not need to meet this person in real life (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would like to chat with this person (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would like to know more about this person (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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I have to read very carefully to be able to understand the text in the profile (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have problems understanding what the writer is writing about (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The writer is difficult to comprehend (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The writer writes clearly (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The writer is barely intelligible (10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Have you noticed any language errors in dating profile 1?

No (1)

Yes (2)

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Have you noticed any language errors in dating profile 2?

No (1)

Yes (2)

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Have you noticed any language errors in profile 3?

No (1)

Yes (2)

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What is your highest current or completed level of education?

primary school (1)

high school (2)

bachelor's degree (3)

master's degree (4)

professional degree/ apprenticeship (5)

doctoral degree (6)

other: namely (7) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you used a dating platform before?

No (1)

Yes (2)

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What is your mother tongue?

Dutch (1)

English (2)

German (3)

Spanish (4)

other: namely (5) \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your nationality?

Dutch (1)

American (2)

British (3)

Spanish (4)

German (6)

Other, namely: (7) \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you evaluate your following skills?

	Poor (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	Good (7)
English writing skills (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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## Appendix 3: Evaluation of the Ethics Assessment Committee Humanities

### Ethics Assessment Committee Humanities

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Dear Ms. Hendrickx,

I hereby inform you that the Ethics Assessment Committee Humanities (EACH) of the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies has evaluated the application of the research project *Non-nativeness, language use and language error in dating profiles (application 2022-2166)* and has formulated the following advice on 28 March 2022:

This research project is approved for a period of five years (from 28 March 2022 to 28 March 2027).

Please note that any modification to the research project that might warrant review of the ethical approval must be submitted to the EACH.

Yours Sincerely,

Valid Signed by Marcel Becker  
on 28-03-2022

dr. M.J. Becker  
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