

paradigms, we have been able to tease out ‘phantom readings’ of existential donkey sentences, lying not far from the surface of theorists’ introspective access. By contrast, we were unable to unearth a second U-reading for ‘no’ sentences, replicating results from Geurts (2002); plus we provide some evidence against the idea that ‘no’ sentences have two readings.

Because there are many potential factors that may contribute to donkey sentence readings, relating to context and determiner specific strategies, further work is required to test these in more detail. However, we remain skeptical that negative determiners like ‘no’ can give rise to a U-reading.

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