**Supplementary file 1a**

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|  | Cause | Fact | Inference | Theme | Title | Purpose |
| SAR | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| trans\_rand | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| trans\_pre | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| trans\_fine | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| SAR vs. trans\_rand | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 |
| SAR vs. trans\_pre | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 |
| SAR vs. trans\_fine | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 |
| trans\_rand vs. trans\_pre | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 |
| trans\_rand vs. trans\_fine | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 |
| trans\_pre vs. trans\_fine | 7×10-5 | 7×10-5 | 9×10-4 | 0.351 | 0.468 | 0.278 |

**Supplementary file 1b**

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|  | Cause | Fact | Inference | Theme | Title | Purpose |
| layout | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| word | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| relevance | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |

**Supplementary file 1c**

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|  | *b* | *SE* | *t* | *p* |
| **Baseline** |  |  |  |  |
| (Intercept) | 67.60  | 2.91  | 23.26  | < 0.001 |
| QuestionType  | 61.68  | 2.50  | 24.67  | < 0.001 |
| LeftMostPixel | -66.94  | 0.53  | -126.15  | < 0.001 |
| ParagraphNumber | 5.39  | 0.18  | 30.44  | < 0.001 |
| LineNumberInParagraph  | -1.89  | 0.12  | -15.95  | < 0.001 |
| LineNumberInPassage | -5.96  | 0.07  | -89.35  | < 0.001 |
| WordLength | 16.55  | 0.08  | 211.84  | < 0.001 |
| LogWordFreq | -4.39  | 0.16  | -27.43  | < 0.001 |
| Surprisal | 2.19  | 0.08  | 26.72  | < 0.001 |
| QuestionRelevance | 336.87  | 1.52  | 221.54  | < 0.001 |
| QuestionType:LeftMostPixel  | -38.59  | 0.88  | -44.05  | < 0.001 |
| QuestionType:ParagraphNumber  | -12.05  | 0.32  | -38.04  | < 0.001 |
| QuestionType:LineNumberInParagraph  | -15.12  | 0.20  | -76.80  | < 0.001 |
| QuestionType:LineNumberInPassage  | 2.65  | 0.11  | 23.14  | < 0.001 |
| QuestionType:WordLength  | -0.57  | 0.13  | -4.36  | < 0.001 |
| QuestionType:LogWordFreq | 0.52  | 0.27  | 1.96  | 0.05 |
| QuestionType:Surprisal | 0.46  | 0.14  | 3.34  | < 0.001 |
| QuestionType:QuestionRelevance | -93.03  | 2.72  | -34.258 | < 0.001 |
| **With attention of SAR** |  |  |  |  |
| SAR Attention | 2.12 | 0.11 | 19.41 | < 0.001 |
| **With attention of randomized BERT** |  |  |  |  |
| Randomized BERT attention | -0.57 ~0.61 | 0.2~ 0.22 | -2.7~ 2.75 | 64%<0.0544%<0.001 |
| **With attention of pre-trained BERT** |  |  |  |  |
| Pre-trained BERT attention | -0.77 ~0.89 | 0.14~ 0.16 | -4.6~ 5.71 | 80%<0.0567%<0.001 |
| **With attention of fine-tuned BERT** |  |  |  |  |
| Fine-tuned BERT attention | -0.72 ~1.01 | 0.14~ 0.16 | -4.9~ 6.81 | 86%<0.0570%<0.001 |

**Supplementary file 1d**

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|  |  | **local questions** |  | **Global questions** |
|  |  | layout | word | relevance |  | layout | word | relevance |
| **Exp 1** | GD | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |  | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| CR | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |  | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| GD vs. CR | 4×10-5 | 4×10-5 | 4×10-5 |  | 6×10-5 | 8×10-5 | 6×10-5 |
| **Exp 2** | GD | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.01 |  | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.006 |
| CR | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |  | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| GD vs. CR | 0.704 | 1×10-4 | 1×10-4 |  | 1×10-4 | 0.333 | 0.333 |
| **Exp 3** | GD | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.265 |  | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.302 |
| CR | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |  | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.315 |
| GD vs. CR | 6×10-5 | 6×10-5 | 8×10-5 |  | 0.656 | 1×10-4 | 0.724 |
| **Exp 4** | GD | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.685 |  | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.162 |
| CR | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.405 |  | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.096 |
| GD vs. CR | 6×10-5 | 6×10-5 | 0.280 |  | 1×10-4 | 7×10-4 | 0.552 |

**Supplementary file 1e**

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|  | local questions |  | global questions |
| Ex 1 | Ex 2 | Ex 3 | Ex 4 |  | Ex 1 | Ex 2 | Ex 3 | Ex 4 |
| trans\_pre | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |  | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| trans\_fine | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |  | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| trans\_fine- trans\_pre | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.041 | 0.814 |  | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.829 | 0.714 |
| layout | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |  | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| word | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |  | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| relevance | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.228 |  | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |

**Supplementary file 1f**

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|  | local questions |  | global questions |
| Ex 1 vs Ex 2 | Ex 2 vs Ex 3 | Ex 2 vs Ex 4 | Ex 3 vs Ex 4 |  | Ex 1 vs Ex 2 | Ex 2 vs Ex 3 | Ex 2 vs Ex 4 | Ex 3 vs Ex 4 |
| trans\_pre | 0.001  | 0.460  | 1×10-4 | 1×10-4 |  | 0.155  | 0.055  | 1×10-4 | 1×10-4 |
| trans\_fine | 0.2  | 0.953  | 1×10-4 | 1×10-4 |  | 0.02  | 0.114  | 1×10-4 | 1×10-4 |
| trans\_fine- trans\_pre | 1×10-4 | 0.032  | 1×10-4 | 1×10-4 |  | 0.04  | 0.305  | 0.12  | 0.622  |
| layout | 1×10-4 | 0.014 | 1×10-4 | 1×10-4 |  | 0.021 | 1×10-4 | 0.307 | 1×10-4 |
| word | 0.001 | 0.001 | 1×10-4 | 0.001 |  | 0.003 | 1×10-4 | 1×10-4 | 0.003 |
| relevance | 1×10-4 | 0.002 | 1×10-4 | 1×10-4 |  | 1×10-4 | 1×10-4 | 1×10-4 | 0.496 |

**Supplementary file 1g**

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| models | learningrate | fine-tuningsteps | fine-tuningbatch size | warmup steps | weightdecay |
| BERT | 1×10-5 | 27455 | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| ALBERT | 2×10-5 | 12000 | 32 | 1000 | 0 |
| RoBERTa | 1×10-5 | 21964 | 16 | 1200 | 0.1 |