

Supplemental Material

A Adversarial Filtering Setup

In this subsection, we provide some more details regarding the Adversarial Filtering experiments.

Our version of Adversarial Filtering is mostly the same as Zellers et al. (2018). Details:

- a. On each iteration, we split the dataset up into 80% training and 20% testing. We don't do anything special for this split (like looking at the video/article IDs).
- b. For ActivityNet, we use $k = 9$ assigned indices for every example. (This corresponds to the number of red columns in Figure 2). For WikiHow, we used $k = 5$, since we found that there were fewer good endings produced by the generators after scaling up the sequence length.
- c. Similarly to Zellers et al. (2018), we train the AF models in a multi-way fashion. Since we use BERT-Large as the discriminator, this matches Devlin et al. (2018)'s model for SWAG: on each training example, the model is given exactly one positive ending and several negative endings, and the model computes probability distribution over the endings through a softmax. However, we also wanted to always report 4-way probability for simplicity. To do this, we train in a 4-way setting (the training set is constructed by subsampling 3 wrong answers from the set of k that are currently assigned to each example). The accuracy values that are reported are done so using the first 3 assigned negatives in dataset \mathcal{D}_{test} .
- d. Sometimes, BERT never converges (accuracy around 25%), so when this happens, we don't do the reassignment.

B GPT Setup

We generate our dataset examples from OpenAI GPT. We finetune the model for two epochs on WikiHow, and 5 epochs on ActivityNet, using the default learning rate of (Radford et al., 2018). Importantly, we generate randomly according to the language model distribution, rather than performing beam search – this would bias the generations towards common words. For the WikiHow endings, we used Nucleus Sampling with $p = 0.98$, which means that the probability weights for the tail (those tokens with cumulative probability mass < 0.02) are zeroed out (Holtzman et al.,

2019).

C BERT setup

We extensively study BERT in this paper, and make no changes to the underlying architecture or pretraining. For all of the experiments where we provide context, we set up the input to the BERT model like this:

[CLS] A woman is outside with a bucket and a dog. The dog is running around trying to avoid a bath. [SEP] She gets the dog wet, then it runs away again [SEP]

In the case where only the ending is provided, we adopt the BERT-style 'single-span' setting: [CLS] She gets the dog wet, then it runs away again [SEP]

D A discussion on BERT Hyperparameters and Instability

It is worth noting that many of our experiments show some instability. On the SWAG experiments, we use the same hyperparameters as (Devlin et al., 2018) - these generally work very well.¹³ However, we find that they become a bit unstable when crossing over to make *HellaSwag*. Here, we discuss some strategies and insight that we picked up on.

- a. We use a batch size of 64 examples rather than 16, and warm the model up for 20% of the dataset (rather than 10%). This helps the model adapt to SWAG more gradually, without diverging early on.
- b. For the Adversarial Filtering experiments (for both WikiHow and ActivityNet), we randomize some of the hyperparameters on each iteration. We sample a learning rate between $1e-5$ and $4e-5$, using a log-uniform distribution. These outer ranges were recommended from the original BERT paper. Additionally, with probability 0.5 we use the cased model (where the input isn't originally lowercased before tokenization), rather than the uncased model.
- c. During adversarial filtering, we used 3 epochs. However, we found that adding more epochs

¹³The only exception is for the plots where we vary the number of training examples. In this case, we don't want to disadvantage the trials without much training data (since this would allow for fewer parameter updates). To remedy this, we continue training for 10 epochs and report the best validation performance over the entire training history.

helped the model during fine-tuning on the final dataset *HellaSwag*. Our best configuration uses 10 epochs.

- d. While fine-tuning on *HellaSwag* we used a learning rate of $2e-5$.

E Human validation

We performed human validation using the same setup as (Zellers et al., 2018). Humans get six answers to choose from, of which exactly one is the true ending and the other five are from AF. We found that multiple rounds of human validation were especially helpful on ActivityNet. However, it helps to do the human validation in an intelligent way: if the first worker is confused, the answer should be replaced before it goes to the next worker. This is a hard problem, so we adopt the following approach:

- a. We use best practices on mechanical turk, paying workers fairly (up to 37 cents per HIT on WikiHow). We also used a qualification HIT that was autograded to help filter for workers who are good at the task. Workers who tended to prefer the generated endings over the real ones were disqualified from participating.
- b. For each worker, we use the summary of their performance so far to estimate $P(\text{answer } i \text{ is right} | \text{worker rates } i \text{ as best})$. We can then use this to estimate how confident we are in each answer choice: we want to be confident that workers will *not* prefer the wrong answers. Also, this allows us to aggregate performance across crowd workers, by multiplying the probabilities for each answer choice.
- c. On each round of filtering, we *keep* the 3 wrong endings that workers least prefer (based on the probability scores, along with the right ending. The other two endings are new ones.

Particularly on ActivityNet, we found that there are some contexts where the ground truth answer isn't liked by workers. To fix this, we end up taking the best 25k examples from ActivityNet and the best 45k from WikiHow. (By best, we mean the ones with the highest probability that workers will predict the true answer, versus the three easiest-to-guess negatives, as judged by the Naive Bayes model). We make Figure 7 ('The road to *HellaSwag*') by doing this process (taking the best examples) for each dataset, while varying the number of annotators that are used for getting the scores for each ending. (In the case where there

are 0 annotators, we get a random sample).

F Human Evaluation

We do a human evaluation while giving workers the exact same task as is given to the models. Workers are given five endings, and must pick the best one. We obtain human evaluation numbers by combining 5 turkers together, with a majority vote.

We found that the biggest differences in difficulty in humans were due to domain (WikiHow is easier than ActivityNet). To account for this, we did the human evaluation over 200 examples from WikiHow, and 200 examples from ActivityNet, for each number of previous validators as shown in Figure 7 (0, 1, or 2). To report the accuracy of a split that's mixed between WikiHow and ActivityNet, we use the following formula:

$$\frac{acc_{WikiHow} \cdot N_{WikiHow} + acc_{ActivityNet} \cdot N_{ActivityNet}}{N_{WikiHow} + N_{ActivityNet}}$$

Here, acc refers to the accuracy on each dataset as judged by humans, and N is the number of examples from that dataset in the split.

G More examples

We additionally have more validation examples, shown in Figure 2.

H In-Domain and Zero-Shot categories

See Figure 13 for a closer look at the dataset categories.

Category: Preparing pasta (activitynet; indomain)

A kitchen is shown followed by various ingredients and a woman speaking to the camera. She begins showing the ingredients and putting them into a hot boiling pot and stirring around. she

- a) shows off the oven and begins assembling the cookies in the oven by pushing a button on the oven. (2.2%)
- b) continues mixing up more ingredients and then puts them all together in a bowl, serving the dish and sprinkling olive oil around it. (97.8%)**
- c) shows raising and lowering the pot until adding more water and corn syrup. (0.0%)
- d) places an omelette onto the screen and puts it in the oven to bake. (0.0%)

Category: Doing crunches (activitynet; indomain)

We see a fitness center sign. We then see a man talking to the camera and sitting and laying on a exercise ball. the man

- a) demonstrates how to increase efficient exercise work by running up and down balls. (0.0%)
- b) moves all his arms and legs and builds up a lot of muscle. (80.9%)**
- c) then plays the ball and we see a graphics and hedge trimming demonstration. (0.0%)
- d) performs sits ups while on the ball and talking. (19.1%)**

Category: Sharpening knives (activitynet; zeroshot)

A man is seen spinning a blade with his foot on a machine and moving his hands up with down holding a knife. the camera

- a) pans around and shows a woman moving around in a jump rope machine. (0.0%)
- b) captures him from several angles while he sharpens the knife with complete concentration. (81.6%)**
- c) pans around and points to a man standing inside the machine as the man continues to move on the machine. (18.4%)
- d) then pans around to a woman and her daughter who also dance at the show. (0.0%)

Category: Layup drill in basketball (activitynet; zeroshot)

A female basketball coach is seen instructing a group of girl basketball players who are standing in line on a basketball court. the first girl

- a) passes to another coach and then runs to the net and takes a layup. (0.0%)**
- b) trying to get the ball to go far past the basket and hit it back towards the basket while her coach continues teaching her. (100.0%)**
- c) walks across the court with the ball and keeps walking then pulling the girls to the other side of the court and the girls begin playing volleyball rhythmically rolling on the floor as the coach helps them follow how to properly do things. (0.0%)
- d) line up and stand behind a dummy dummy. (0.0%)

Category: Youth (wikihow; indomain)

[header] How to make up a good excuse for your homework not being finished [title] Blame technology. [step] One of the easiest and most believable excuses is simply blaming technology. You can say your computer crashed, your printer broke, your internet was down, or any number of problems.

- a) Your excuses will hardly seem believable. [substeps] This doesn't mean you are lying, just only that you don't have all the details of how your computer ran at the time of the accident. (0.0%)
- b) The simplest one to have in a classroom is to blame you entire classroom, not just lab. If you can think of yourself as the victim, why not blame it on technology. (9.4%)
- c) Most people, your teacher included, have experienced setbacks due to technological problems. [substeps] This is a great excuse if you had a paper you needed to type and print. (29.1%)**
- d) It may also be more believable if you are fully aware that you may be flying at high speed on a plane and need someone to give you traffic report. Your problem might be your laptop failing to charge after a long flight. (61.5%)**

Category: Family Life (wikihow; zeroshot)

[header] How to raise your children to be helpers [title] Call them helpers when you ask for things. [step] Instead of asking for help, ask your child to " be a helper. " all people, children included, are more motivated when their identity is in play.

- a) You can start doing this with your children as early as two years old. [substeps] You might say, " jayden, can you be a helper and clean your bedroom before grandma comes over? " or " please be a helper and stay quiet while your sister naps. (0.1%)**
- b) When you call your child helpers, describe what they do and what they need to be helped for. [substeps] You could say, " i need you to help dad during his lunch break at work. (99.9%)**
- c) If you ask your child for things they have access to, it encourages them to put more effort into making things happen. [substeps] To make sure they understand exactly what's expected of them, you could try saying, " i'm looking for helpers who can be helpers. (0.0%)
- d) Call them when you need them for help or for monetary help. [substeps] For example, if you need help with something you don't know how to do, let your child know you're excited to help with this. (0.0%)

Table 2: Example questions answered by BERT-Large. Correct model predictions are in **blue**, incorrect model predictions are **red**. The right answers are **bolded**.

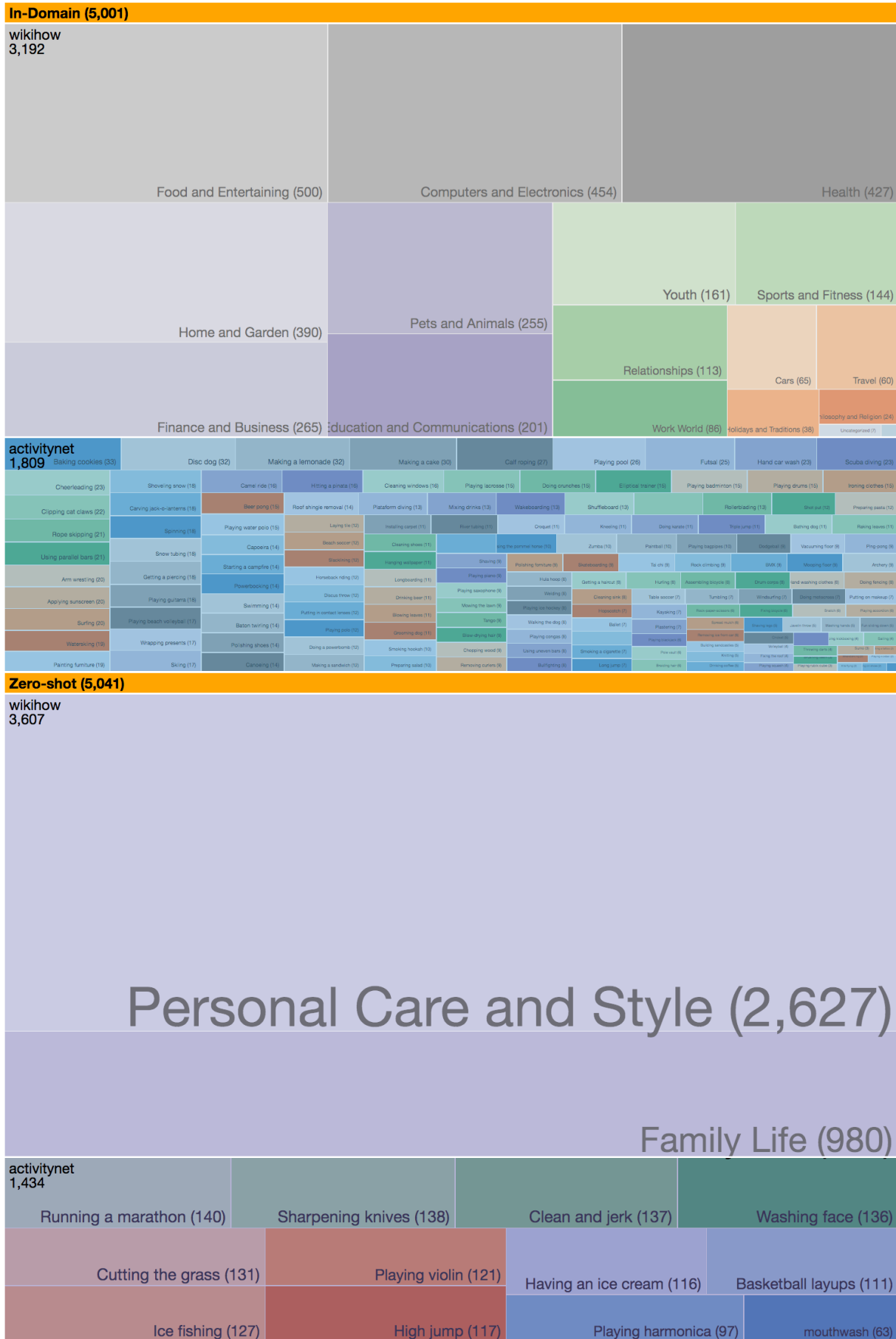


Figure 13: Examples on the in-domain validation set of *HellaSwag*, grouped by category label. Our evaluation setup equally weights performance on categories seen during training as well as out-of-domain.