Following each story, the Comprehension and False Belief Questions are shown.

1. All of the class took part in a story competition. Emma really wanted to win. While she was away from school, the results of the competition were announced: Alice was the winner. The next day, Alice saw Emma and said, "I'm sorry about your story." "What do you mean?" said Emma. "Oh nothing," said Alice.

Did anyone say anything they shouldn't have said? What should not have been said?
Who won the story competition? Did Alice realize that Emma hadn't heard the results of the competition?

2. Robert had just started at a new school. He said to his new friend, Andrew, "My mom is a dinner lady at this school." Then Claire came over and said, "I hate dinner ladies. They're horrible." "Do you want to come and play checkers?" Andrew asked Claire. "No" she replied, "I'm not feeling very well."

Did anyone say anything they shouldn't have said? What should not have been said?
What job does Robert's mom do? Did Clare know that Robert's mom was a dinner lady?

3. Mike was in one of the bathroom stalls at school. Joe and Peter were at the sinks nearby. Joe said, "You know that new boy in the class, his name is Mike. Doesn't he look really weird?" Mike then came out of the stall. Peter said "Oh hello Mike, are you going to play football now?"

Did anyone say anything they shouldn't have said? What should not have been said?
Where were Joe and Peter when they were talking? Did Joe know that Mike was in the stall?

4. Kim helped her mom make an apple pie for her uncle when he came to visit. She carried it out of the kitchen. "I made it just for you," said Kim. "Mmm", replied Uncle Tom, "That looks lovely. I love pies, except for apple, of course!"

Did anyone say anything they shouldn't have said? What should not have been said?
What kind of pie had Kim made? Did Uncle Tom know that the pie was an apple pie?

5. James bought Richard a toy airplane for his birthday. A few months later, they were playing with it, and James accidentally dropped it. "Don't worry" said Richard, "I never liked it anyway. Someone gave it to me for my birthday."

Did anyone say anything they shouldn't have said? What should not have been said?
What did James give Richard for his birthday? Did Richard remember James had given him the toy airplane for his birthday?

6. Sally has short blonde hair. She was at her Aunt Carol's house. The doorbell rang. It was Mary, a neighbor. Mary said "Hello," then looked at Sally and said, "Oh, I don't think I've met this little boy. What's your name?" Aunt Carol said, "Who'd like a cup of
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7. Mrs. West, the teacher, had something to tell her class, "One of the boys in our class, Simon, is very seriously ill" she said. The class were all very sad and were sitting quietly when a little girl, Becky, arrived late. "Have you heard my new joke about sick people?" she asked. The teacher said to her "Sit down and get on with your work."

Did anyone say anything they shouldn’t have said? What should not have been said?
What did the teacher tell the class at the beginning of the story? Did Becky know Simon was sick?

8. Tim was in a restaurant. He spilt his coffee on the floor by accident. Jack was another person in the restaurant, standing by the cash desk waiting to pay. Tim went up to Jack and said, "I'm terribly sorry, but I've spilt my coffee. Would you be able to mop it up?"

Did anyone say anything they shouldn’t have said? What should not have been said?
Where did the story take place? Did Tim know Jack was a customer?

9. Jill had just moved into a new house. She went shopping with her mom and bought some new curtains. When Jill had just put them up, her best friend Lisa came round and said, "Oh, those curtains are horrible, I hope you're going to get some new ones." Jill asked, "Do you like the rest of my bedroom?"

Did anyone say anything they shouldn’t have said? What should not have been said?
What had Jill just bought? Did Lisa know the curtains were new?

10. Helen's mom was having a surprise party for Helen's birthday. She invited Nicky and said, "Don't tell anyone, especially Helen!" The day before the party Nicky and Helen were playing together and Nicky ripped her new dress. "Oh!" said Nicky, "I was going to wear this to your party." "What party?" said Helen. "Come on," said Nicky "Let's go and see if my mom can sew the tear."

Did anyone say anything they shouldn’t have said? What should not have been said?
Who was the surprise party for? Did Nicky remember the party was a surprise?

After each story, participants are asked whether anyone said anything that they should not have said, i.e. to correctly identify the stories containing a faux pas (the affective component). When a faux pas is detected, further clarifying questions are proposed in order to evaluate the understanding of the mental states of the agents involved in the stories (the cognitive component).