# Supplementary Materials for SCRAMBLe: Enhancing Multimodal LLM Compositionality with Synthetic Preference Data

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# A. Alternative Data Generation Approach : Feedback Loop

We experimented with a third method of synthetic data generation but found the data quality to be poorer than that generated using chain of thought. For completeness, we report the method and experiments here. In this approach, we provide feedback to the LLM expert in context in an attempt to get it to refine the negative caption that it generated. We provide feedback along 4 different dimensions:

- **Plausibility**: We use the Vera model [3] to score how plausible a generated caption is, from 0 to 1. An illogical/nonsensical caption would have a low score, while a caption that is plausible would score higher.
- **Grammar**: We use the grammar model from TextAt-tack [5] to score how grammatical a generated caption is, from 0 to 1. Lower scores indicate poorer grammar.
- **Distinction**: This is a binary response which is 1/Yes if the generated caption is visually distinct from the original caption, and 0/No otherwise. We use a different Llama-3.1 expert that determines this given the original caption and the generated caption.
- New and Missing Words: We lemmatize all the words in the original and the new caption using spaCy [2] and in the feedback mention which extra words the LLM has used and which words from the original caption are missing in the generated caption.

The start of an example conversation is in Fig. 1. Since there is no one measure of the quality of a hard negative caption, we attempt to get the LLM to optimize each of the scores the best it can. In this setup, the LLM thus acts as a black-box optimizer [4].

The initial prompt to the LLM expert mentions the same requirements as in the Swap-Objects prompt (Appendix E.1), with the distinction of asking the expert to rearrange words in the input caption as it sees fit. After the LLM generates a caption, we run the feedback models and provide the scores to the expert in the same context. We repeat this process for 5 iterations and pick the caption which is judged distinct from the input and has the highest average

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following three requirements:
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   differences to the input caption.
2. It must be fluent and grammatically
   correct.
3. It must make logical sense.
You can choose to abstain and output 'NA'
if it is not possible to generate a negative
caption for the given input.
To help with your task, I will rate your
output based on grammar (0-1), plausibility
(0-1), and whether there are visual
differences between the original caption and
your output (Yes/No).
Here is the input caption: A white horse
pulling a cart down a street.
New Caption: A cart is being pulled down the
street by a white horse.
FEEDBACK:
Your grammar score is 0.99.
Your plausibility score is 0.56.
Is the output caption visually different from
the original caption? : No
Your output caption has extra words
(lemmatized): 'the', 'by', 'be'.
Can you please try again?
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Figure 1. **Feedback Loop.** Example prompt to generate a negative caption (generated caption in green) and feedback generated using auxiliary models (in blue). The Llama-3.1 expert is provided the feedback and prompted to try again for 5 iterations.

score over plausibility, grammar and word similarity (proportional to the Jaccard similarity between the sets of words in the two captions: a score of 1 indicating the same set of words were used in the two captions). A full example conversation is in Appendix E.4.

**Results.** The results of tuning a base LLaVA-1.5-13B

		Compositionality Benchmarks			Control Benchmarks		
Model Name	Tuning Data	Winoground	EqBen	COLA	ConMe	SEED-Bench	MM-Vet
LLaVA-1.5-13B	-	36.5	36.4	49.5	62.3	68.23	$36.2 \pm 0.3$
Baseline (w tuning)	Swap Obj/Att	38.8	36.4	52.9	64.4	68.49	$30.7\pm0.4$
Baseline-II (w tuning)	Feedback Loop	37.5	33.6	57.1	65.4	67.78	$36.3\pm0.2$
SCRAMBLe (Ours)	Chain of Thought	39.3	39.3	55.7	64.5	68.19	$\textbf{38.6} \pm \textbf{0.1}$

Table 1. **SCRAMBLe vs other caption generation methods.** Adding to Tab 4 from the main paper, we report the results of tuning the base LLaVA-1.5-13B with synthetic data from the synthetic data generated using a feedback loop. We find that this method does well on some compositionality benchmarks(COLA and ConMe) but is not consistently better than the base LLaVA model especially on the control benchmarks.

model on data generated with this approach are in Tab. 1 (denoted as Baseline-II). We find that this method does well on some compositionality benchmarks (COLA and ConMe) but is not consistently better than the base LLaVA model especially on the control benchmarks. Qualitative examples of generated hard negatives from this approach and from the baseline swap objects/attributes approach along with SCRAMBLe's chain of thought approach are in Tab. 2. We found that the feedback loop method could handle some more complex cases where a logical swap is not possible, but still the quality of generated captions is poorer that SCRAMBLe's chain of thought approach.

# **B.** Adversarial Refinement

In Sec. 3.2 of the main paper we described the adversarial refinement procedure to filter out examples for debiasing the preference tuning dataset using grammar and plausibility scores. The goal of this is that only based on plausibility or grammar scores of the captions (while disregarding the image) a model should not be able to correctly guess the positive caption over the negative (at any more than 50% accuracy). We find that this debiasing is also effective for the preference tuning dataset, to avoid any model fitting to these biases. Algorithm 1 shows the adversarial refinement procedure.

In Tab. 3 we show the performance of LLaVA-1.5-13B with and without adversarial refinement. We carry out this experiment by training the LLaVA-1.5-13B model on a smaller set of 16.7k examples from the COCO train set. After running adversarial refinement, we are left with 9.8k examples. Comparing performances of the two models, we see that tuning with the unfiltered data, causes performance on the compositionality benchmarks to drop significantly, indicating that adversarial refinement is crucial for retaining high quality examples for compositionality learning.

# C. Conversing with SCRAMBLe-Molmo : More Examples

More examples of conversive with Molmo and SCRAMBLe-Molmo are in Figs. 2 to 6. Please check

# Algorithm 1 Adversarial Refinement

**Require:** Grammar model  $M_G$  and plausibility model  $M_P$ ; Number of grids K; A set of candidates  $\mathcal{D} = \{I_i, T_i^{\mathrm{p}}, T_i^{\mathrm{n}}\}_{i \in [N]}$ , where  $I_i, T_i^{\mathrm{p}}$ , and  $T_i^{\mathrm{n}}$  are i-th image, positive caption, and negative caption.

**Ensure:** A subset  $\bar{\mathcal{D}} \subset \mathcal{D}$ 

- 1: Calculate the model score gap for each candidate  $g_i^{(1)} = M_G(T_i^{\rm p}) M_G(T_i^{\rm n})$  and  $g_i^{(2)} = M_P(T_i^{\rm p}) M_P(T_i^{\rm n})$
- 2: Split the 2D space  $[-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$  to  $K \times K$  equal-size grids.
- 3: Place each candidate to a grid based on the score gaps  $g_i^{(1)}$  and  $g_i^{(2)}$ .
- 4: Initialize  $\bar{\mathcal{D}} = \{\}$
- 5: **for** each pair of grid  $(G_j, G_j^*)$  symmetric about the original point (0,0) **do**
- 6: **if**  $|G_j| > |G_j^*|$  **then**
- 7: Sample  $|G_j^*|$  candidates from  $G_j$  and put them to  $\bar{\mathcal{D}}$ .
- 8: Put candidates in  $G_i^*$  to  $\bar{\mathcal{D}}$ .
- 9: **els**e
- 10: Sample  $|G_j|$  candidates from  $G_j^*$  and put them to  $\bar{\mathcal{D}}$ .
- 11: Put candidates in  $G_i$  to  $\bar{\mathcal{D}}$ .

the corresponding captions for more details.

# **D.** Implementation Details

All experiments in the paper were conducted on single Nvidia Ampere GPUs with a minimum 48G of VRAM (A100/A6000/A40/L40S/L40/RTX6000ada). We used the PyTorch framework [6] and our code for training MLLMs is based on Huggingface Transformers [9], TRL [8] and POVID [10]. We will upload our tuned models along with our synthetic data to Huggingface hub [1] along with the public release of our work.

# **D.1. Synthetic Data Generation.**

As the LLM expert for synthetic caption generation, we used the Meta-Llama-3.1-70B-Instruct model. We ran inference at 4-bit quantization(nf4), with top-p sampling (p=0.9) and a temperature of 0.2. As our auxiliary grammar model we used textattack [5] and as the plausibility model we used Vera [3]. These models were used both for filtering

Positive Caption	Baseline : Swap Obj/Att	Baseline-II : Feedback Loop	SCRAMBLe : Chain of Thought	
A white horse pulling a cart down a (Obj) A white cart pulling a horse street.		A cart is being pushed by a white horse up a street.	A white horse pushing a cart down a street.	
Close-up of bins of food that include broccoli and bread.		Close-up of bins of food that exclude broccoli and include bread.	Wide shot of bins of food that in- clude fruits and desserts	
A truck is pulling a horse trailer at a festival. (Obj) A horse is pulling a truck trailer at a festival.		A horse is pulling a trailer instead of a truck at a festival.	A truck is being loaded with a horse trailer at a festival.	
Two women and a man posing for a photo on the dance floor.	(Obj) Two men and a woman posing for a photo on the dance floor.	Two women and a man posing for a photo off the dance floor.	One woman and two men posing for a photo on the dance floor.	
A yellow and blue fire hydrant that has fallen into the street with "caution" tape around it.	(Att) A blue and yellow fire hydrant that has fallen into the street with "caution" tape around it.	A yellow and blue fire hydrant stands upright that has not fallen into the street with "caution" tape around it	A yellow and blue fire hydrant near the sidewalk with 'caution' tape blocking off part of the street.	
A man with a white dress shirt black tie and a beard.	(Att) A man with a black dress shirt white tie and a beard.	A man with a black dress shirt and a white tie.	A man with a black dress shirt white tie and no beard.	
Three men in military suits are sitting on a bench.	(Obj) Three benches are sitting on military suits.	Three men in military suits are walking past a bench.	Three men in military suits are standing on a bench.	
A cake decorated to look like a female mouse.	(Obj) A mouse decorated to look like a female cake.	A cake decorated to look like a male mouse.	A cake decorated to look like a male mouse.	
Black and white photo of a man on the sidewalk pulling his luggage.  (Att) White and black photo of a man on the sidewalk pulling his luggage.		A man is pushing his luggage on the sidewalk in a black and white photo.	Color photo of a man on the sidewalk pushing his luggage.	
A yellow and white bed in a small room.	(Obj) A small bed in a yellow and white room.	A white bed in a large room with yellow walls.	A yellow and white bed in a large room.	

Table 2. Additional Qualitative Examples of negative captions generated by different methods.

LLaVA-1.5-13B Perf	Winoground	EqBen	COLA
w adv ref (9.8k e.g.)	38.5	34.3	44.8
w/o adv ref (16.7k e.g.)	32.0	31.4	43.3

Table 3. **Ablating Adversarial Refinement.** When our preference data has not been filtered using adversarial refinement, the performance of LLaVA-1.5-13B drops significantly on the compositionality benchmarks.

as well as feedback generation.

# D.2. Training

We used the direct preference optimization(DPO) [7] objective for preference tuning, as described in Sec. 3.3 of the main paper. As prescribed by Rafailov *et al.*, we used a  $\beta$  value of 0.1. We trained each model with the AdamW optimizer, a base learning rate of 1e-5 and a cosine learning rate schedule with linear warmup for 3% of the steps.

**LLaVA.** For tuning the LLaVA-1.5-13B model, we trained for 2 epochs at a batch size of 8 (with no gradient accumulation). The rank of the low rank adapter (LoRA) was set to 32, with the  $\alpha$  parameter set to 64 (this was selected from among candidate values  $\{8,16,32,64\}$  by validation performance over SugarCREPE-swap set). The base learning rate was 1e-5 and for the projector connecting the visual encoder to the language model we used a learning rate

2e-5. The first stage of training took between 1.5-3 days to run (depending on the gpu used). For the second stage, we used a batch size of 1 and with 8 steps of gradient accumulation (for the effective batch size of 8; batch size was reduced to 1 because of the large memory footprint of some of the long LLaVA instruction tuning examples). We trained for 2 epochs with the same learning rates as stage 1. To prevent overfitting we used a label smoothing value of 0.1 in the DPO loss in this stage. This stage took 5-10 hrs to run.

**Molmo.** We trained the Molmo-7B-D-0924 model for 2 epochs at a batch size of 2 and 4 gradient accumulation steps (for the same effective batch size of 8). The rank of LoRA was set to 16, with the  $\alpha$  parameter set to 32. This took 1-1.5 days to train.

**Llama-3.2.** We trained the Llama-3.2-11B-Vision-Instruct model for 1 epoch at a batch size of 4 with 2 gradient accumulation steps (for the same effective batch size of 8). The rank of LoRA was set to 32, with the  $\alpha$  parameter set to 64. In Sec. 4.3 of the main paper we mentioned that we found this model to overfit to the full set of 57.8k synthetic examples. We hence trained this on a smaller set with 9.8k examples. This took around 12 hrs to train on an Nvidia A40 GPU.

In Tab. 4 we show the performance of the LLama-3 model on being trained with the full set of 58k synthetic examples. While the VQAScore evaluation on compositionality benchmarks still improves over the original Llama-3.2-

Model	Winoground	EqBen	COLA	ConME	SEED-Bench	MM-Vet
Llama-3.2-11B	31.5	43.6	37.1	71.3	13.79	$57.0 \pm 0.1$
+SCRAMBLe (57.8k eg)	34.3	43.6	33.8	70.1	27.79	$35.0 \pm 0.4$
+SCRAMBLe (9.8k eg)	35.3	44.3	40.0	74.6	42.74	$\textbf{60.3} \pm \textbf{0.1}$

Table 4. Llama-3.2-11B-Vision-Instruct on being tuned with the full set of 57k synthetic examples overfits to training data and leads to poorer performance across benchmarks.

11B-Vision-Instruct model, a benchmark like MM-Vet revealed some degenerate behaviors. Specifically, in this long answer generation task, the model trained on the full synthetic set often fell into loops of repeating a single phrase or a character, leading to drastic reduction in performance. We also note that the Llama-3.2 model performs poorly on SEED-Bench because it does not follow the format of the benchmark (responding to a multiple choice question with the letter corresponding to the correct answer) even when prompted to do so. This behavior improves a bit with our tuning, while even in this case, tuning with the smaller set is better.

# **E. Synthetic Data Generating Conversations**

Here we show examples of the specific prompts/conversations with the LLM expert for the different methods of generation. In each of the conversations, the output of the LLM is colored in green. For the feedback loop, the output of the auxiliary feedback models is colored in blue.

# E.1. Baseline: Swap Objects.

Given an input sentence describing a scene, your task is to first locate two swappable noun phrases in the sentence, and then swap them to make a new sentence. The new sentence must meet the following three requirements:

- The new sentence must be describing a different scene from the input sentence.
- 2. The new sentence must be fluent and grammatically correct.
- 3. The new sentence must make logical sense.
- To complete the task, you should:
- Answer the question of whether generating such a new sentence is possible using Yes or No.
- 2. Output the swappable noun phrases.
- Swap the selected noun phrases to generate a new sentence.

Input: A woman cutting into a cake with a man standing behind her.

Is it possible to swap noun phrases in the input sentence to generate a new sentence that is different from the input sentence and makes logical sense? Yes.

Swappable noun phrases: a woman, a man Output: A man cutting into a cake with a woman standing behind him.

# E.2. Baseline: Swap Attributes.

Given an input sentence describing a scene, your task is to first locate two swappable adjectives in the sentence describing different objects, and then swap them to make a new sentence.

The new sentence must meet the following three requirements:

- 1. The new sentence must be describing a different scene from the input sentence.
- 2. The new sentence must be fluent and grammatically correct.
- 3. The new sentence must make logical sense.

To complete the task, you should:

- 1. Answer the question of whether generating such a new sentence is possible using Yes or No.
- 2. Output the swappable adjectives.
- 3. Swap them to make a new sentence.

Here are some examples:

Input: A girl in a pink shirt holding a blue umbrella.

Is it possible to swap attributes in the input sentence to generate a new sentence that is different from the input sentence and makes logical sense? Yes

Swappable attributes: pink, blue

Output: A girl in a blue shirt holding a pink umbrella.

Input: A car and a truck are going through the intersection.

Is it possible to swap attributes in the input sentence to generate a new sentence that is different from the input sentence and makes logical sense? No

Swappable attributes: NA

Output: NA

Input: A cold drink on a hot day.

Is it possible to swap attributes in the input sentence to generate a new sentence that is

different from the input sentence and makes logical sense? Yes

Swappable attributes: cold, hot

Output: A hot drink on a cold day.

Input: Four yellow airplanes flying side by side at an air show.

Is it possible to swap attributes in the input sentence to generate a new sentence that is different from the input sentence and makes logical sense? No

Swappable attributes: NA

Output: NA

Input: The dress on the left is long and the dress on the right is short.

Is it possible to swap attributes in the input sentence to generate a new sentence that is different from the input sentence and makes logical sense? Yes

Swappable attributes: long, short

Output: The dress on the left is short and the dress on the right is long.

Input: A big grey elephant standing in the
jungle.

Is it possible to swap attributes in the input sentence to generate a new sentence that is different from the input sentence and makes logical sense? No

Swappable attributes: NA

Output: NA

Input: A large black dog is lying on a white
comforter.

Is it possible to swap attributes in the input sentence to generate a new sentence that is different from the input sentence and makes logical sense? Yes

Swappable attributes: black, white

Output: A large white dog is lying on a black comforter.

Input: A red fire hydrant, a yellow balloon,
and some rocks.

Is it possible to swap attributes in the input sentence to generate a new sentence that is different from the input sentence and makes logical sense? Yes

Swappable attributes: red, yellow

Output: A yellow fire hydrant, a red balloon, and some rocks.

# E.3. SCRAMBLe: Chain of Thought

Given an input caption describing a scene, your task is to rearrange words in it to make a new caption.

The new caption must meet the following three requirements:

- 1. It must describe a scene with visual differences compared to the scene described by the input caption.
- 2. It must be fluent and grammatically correct.
- 3. It must make logical sense.

Note that you can choose to abstain and output 'NA' if it is not possible to generate a negative caption for the given input.

Here are some examples:

Input Caption: a pink bird with a white beak
Reasoning:

- 1. Identify the key elements:
- Color of the bird: pink
- Color of the beak: white
- Structure: "[color] bird with a [color]
- 2. Recognize that the negative caption should describe a different visual image using the same words
- 3. Observe that the colors are the main distinguishing features
- 4. Swap the colors while maintaining the structure:
- "pink" describing the bird becomes "white"
- "white" describing the beak becomes "pink"
- 5. Keep the rest of the structure intact:
- "a [color] bird with a [color] beak"
- 6. Apply the swapped colors to the structure:
- "a white bird with a pink beak"

This transformation maintains the same words and grammatical structure but inverts the color assignments, creating a visually distinct image that serves as an effective negative caption. Final Output Caption: a white bird with a pink heak

Input Caption: a bottle is in water
Reasoning:

- 1. Identify the key elements:
- Object 1: bottle
- Object 2: water
- Relationship: "is in"
- 2. Recognize that the negative caption should describe a different visual image using the same words
- 3. Observe that the relationship between the bottle and water is the distinguishing feature
- 4. Swap the positions of "bottle" and "water" in the sentence:
- $\mbox{-}$  "Bottle" moves from the subject to the object position
- "Water" moves from the object to the subject position
- 5. Adjust the articles as needed:

- "a bottle" remains "a bottle" (no change needed)
- "water" remains "water" (no article needed for this uncountable noun)
- 6. Keep the relationship "is in" intact
- 7. Reconstruct the sentence with the swapped elements:
- "water is in a bottle"

This transformation maintains the same core words but inverts the spatial relationship between the bottle and water. It creates a contrasting scenario that effectively serves as a negative caption, describing a completely different visual image while using the same words.

Final Output Caption: water is in a bottle

Input Caption: Manning a ship.

## Reasoning:

- 1. Identify the key words: "manning" and "ship"
- 2. Recognize that "manning" is a verb form derived from "man"  $\,$
- 3. Swap the roles of "man" and "ship":
- "Man" becomes the object
- "Ship" becomes the basis for the verb
- 4. Transform "ship" into a verb:
- "Ship" becomes "shipping"
- 5. Change "man" to its object form:
- "Man" becomes "a man"
- 6. Rearrange the words to form a grammatically correct sentence:
- "Shipping a man"

This transformation maintains the same core words but completely changes the meaning and visual imagery, creating a contrasting scenario that serves as an effective negative caption. Final Output Caption: Shipping a man.

Input Caption: there are three bananas and two apples

### Reasoning:

- 1. Identify the key elements:
- Object 1: bananas
- Object 2: apples
- Quantity of bananas: three
- Quantity of apples: two
- Structure: "there are [number] [fruit] and [number] [fruit]"
- 2. Recognize that the negative caption should describe a different visual image using the same words
- 3. Observe that the quantities are the main distinguishing features  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$
- 4. Swap the quantities while maintaining the fruits they describe:
- "three" describing bananas becomes "two"
- "two" describing apples becomes "three"

- 5. Keep the rest of the structure intact:
- "there are" at the beginning
- "and" connecting the two fruit phrases
- 6. Apply the swapped quantities to the structure:
- "there are two bananas and three apples"
  This transformation maintains the same words
  and grammatical structure but inverts the
  quantities assigned to each fruit. It creates
  a visually distinct image that serves as an
  effective negative caption, describing a
  different arrangement of fruits while using the
  exact same words as the positive caption.
  Final Output Caption: there are two bananas
  and three apples

Input Caption: There are more skiers than
snowboarders.

### Reasoning:

- 1. Identify the key elements:
- Group 1: skiers
- Group 2: snowboarders
- Comparative structure: "more [group] than
  [group]"
- Opening phrase: "There are"
- Recognize that the negative caption should describe a different visual image using the same words
- 3. Observe that the comparative relationship between skiers and snowboarders is the distinguishing feature
- 4. Swap the positions of "skiers" and "snowboarders" in the sentence:
- "skiers" moves from the subject of comparison to the object
- "snowboarders" moves from the object of comparison to the subject
- 5. Keep the comparative structure "more  $\dots$  than" intact
- 6. Maintain the opening phrase "There are"
- 7. Reconstruct the sentence with the swapped elements:
- "There are more snowboarders than skiers"
  This transformation maintains the same words and grammatical structure but inverts the comparative relationship between skiers and snowboarders. It creates a contrasting scenario that effectively serves as a negative caption, describing a completely different visual image (with snowboarders outnumbering skiers instead of vice versa) while using the exact same words as the positive caption. Final Output Caption: There are more snowboarders than skiers.

Input Caption: A white horse pulling a cart
down a street.

Reasoning:

1. Identify the key elements: - Object 1: horse - Color of the horse: white - Object 2: cart - Action: pulling - Location: down a street 2. Recognize that the negative caption should describe a different visual image using the same words 3. Observe that the action and the relationship between the horse and cart are the main distinguishing features 4. Swap the roles of the horse and cart: - The horse is no longer pulling the cart - Instead, the cart could be pulling the horse (although this is less common, we can use a different verb to make it more plausible) 5. Change the verb to make the new scenario more believable: - Instead of "pulling", use "being pulled by" 6. Keep the rest of the structure intact: - "A [color] [object] [verb] a [object] down a [location]" 7. Apply the changes to the structure: - "A white cart being pulled by a horse down a street" is not the best option, as it changes the color and type of the object being pulled. A better option would be to change the direction or the action. Alternative solution: - Change the direction: - "A white horse pulling a cart up a street" - Change the action: - "A white horse pushing a cart down a street" Final Output Caption: A white horse pushing a cart down a street.

# E.4. Baseline-II: Feedback Loop

Given an input caption describing a scene, your task is to rearrange words in it to make a new caption. The new caption must meet the following three requirements:

- 1. It must describe a scene with visual differences compared to the scene described by the input caption.
- 2. It must be fluent and grammatically correct.
- 3. It must make logical sense.

Note that you can choose to abstain and output 'NA' if it is not possible to generate a negative caption for the given input.

To help with your task, I will rate your output based on grammar (0-1), plausibility (0-1), and

the original caption and your output (Yes/No). In your output, please follow the format Final Output Caption: <caption>. Input: A white horse pulling a cart down a Final Output Caption: A cart is being pulled down the street by a white horse. FEEDBACK: Your grammar score is 0.99. Your plausibility score is 0.56. Is the output caption visually different from the original caption? : No Your output caption has extra words (lemmatized): 'the', 'by', 'be'. Can you please try again? Final Output Caption: A cart is pulled by a horse down the street. FEEDBACK: Your grammar score degraded to 0.99. Your plausibility score improved to 0.88. Is the output caption visually different from the original caption? : No Your output caption has extra words (lemmatized): 'the', 'by', 'be'. Your output caption has missing words (lemmatized): 'white'. Can you please try again? Final Output Caption: A horse is not pulling a cart down a street. FEEDBACK: Your grammar score degraded to 0.98. Your plausibility score degraded to 0.24. Is the output caption visually different from the original caption? : Yes Your output caption has extra words (lemmatized): 'not', 'be'. Your output caption has missing words (lemmatized): 'white'. Can you please try again? Final Output Caption: A white horse is standing next to a cart on a street. FEEDBACK: Your grammar score improved to 0.99. Your plausibility score improved to 0.34. Is the output caption visually different from the original caption? : Yes Your output caption has extra words (lemmatized): 'next', 'stand', 'to', 'on', 'be'. Your output caption has missing words (lemmatized): 'down', 'pull'.

whether there are visual differences between

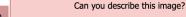
Can you please try again?

Final Output Caption: A cart is being pushed by a white horse up a street.

### FEEDBACK:

Your grammar score improved to 0.99. Your plausibility score improved to 0.45. Is the output caption visually different from the original caption? : Yes Your output caption has extra words (lemmatized): 'up', 'push', 'by', 'be'. Your output caption has missing words (lemmatized): 'down', 'pull'.







### Molmo

This image captures a delightful scene of three children enjoying a

On the left is a girl with long black hair in a ponytail, wearing blue goggles and a black swimsuit. She's smiling and looking at the boy next to

The boy in the middle has short black hair and is wearing green goggles with blue lenses. He's essed in orange swim trunks with white stripes and is looking back at

To the right is a younger girl with short black hair, wearing white goggles. She's smiling and looking directly at the camera.

The water is incredibly clear, allowing you to see the bottom. The scene is bright and sunny, creating a cheerful atmosphere perfect for a fun day at the pool. The children appear to be having a great time together creating a heartwarming and joyful image.

### SCRAMBLe-Molmo

The image shows three children floating together in a pool on a large swim in a clear blue pool. They're all inflatable. Two of the children, a girl and a boy, are lying side by goggles and are positioned on a large black and blue inner tube. They're both smiling and looking at each other. The girl has blue goggles on, while the boy has green and blue goggles.

> To the right of the inflatable. there's a third child swimming This child also has on goggles, but their color isn't specified. All three children appear to be having a great time together in the water. The pool water looks clear and blue, creating a fun and relaxing summer scene



Figure 2. Conversing with SCRAMBLe-Molmo (Winoground example). In this example (which SCRAMBLe-Molmo gets right but Molmo does not), only SCRAMBLe-Molmo correctly identifies that only two of the kids are on the inflatable and the third one is not.

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Can you describe the image?

Molmo
The image shows a kitchen scene focused on cooking. There's a black stovetop with a silver burner, and on it is a black frying pan. The pan contains a mixture of ingredients including red and white items possibly vegetables or meat, along with some green herbs. A hand is visible in the upper right corner. pouring water from a clear bottle with a white cap into the pan. The bottle has a label that says "5 cups water in white text. The countertop is light brown, and in the background, you can see a light blue wall. In the bottom right corner, there's text that savs "Tarla Dalal" in blue and green letters. Overall, it appears to be cooking demonstration or recipe being filmed, with the chef adding ter to the pan of ingredients

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The image shows a close-up view of someone cooking on a stoyetop. There's a black frying pan on one of the burners with what appears to be a mixture of chopped vegetables and meat. Someone's hand is visible, pouring water into the pan. The stovetop is silver with black grates, sitting on a light brown countertop. Ir the bottom right corner, there's text that says "Tarla Dalal" in blue and green. Overall, it looks like a cooking demonstration or tutorial.





What is the chef doing?

The chef is preparing a dish on a stovetop. They're pouring water into a black frying pan, which already contains a mixture of ingredients including ground meat, diced onions and green vegetables. This appears to be the initial step in cooking a meal, likely a stir-fry or similar dish. The chef is following a recipe, as evidenced by the text "5 CUPS WATER" visible on the screen, which indicates the amount of water to be added to the pan.

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The chef is preparing a dish by adding water to a frying pan on the stovetop. They're using a clear wa bottle to pour water into the pan, which already contains some chopped vegetables. This appears to be the first step in cooking, likely to te a soupy or saucy dish. The chef seems to be following a recipe as there's text indicating "5 cups water" to be added.



Figure 3. Conversing with SCRAMBLe-Molmo (EQBen example). The image is from an EQBen example that Molmo gets right but SCRAMBLe-Molmo does not. However, in conversation, SCRAMBLe-Molmo correctly identifies all elements of the scene and answers the question no worse than Molmo.

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### Molmo

The image shows a scene on a grassy field with three main objects:

- 1. A white teddy bear lying on its back in the center. The bear has a
- 2. A black and silver bucket with a black handle to the left of the bear
- 3. A pair of red-handled scissors with silver blades to the right of the

The grass appears to be a mix of green and brown, suggesting it's not very well-maintained. The scene is viewed from above, giving a clear top-down perspective of the objects. The teddy bear's position with its back on the ground and red shirt visible, creates an unusual and somewhat melancholic atmosphere scissors adds an element of mystery to the scene, as if something out of place has occurred

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The image shows an outdoor scene with three objects on grass. There's a small white stuffed elephant lying on its side, a black and silver bucket with a handle, and a pair of redhandled scissors. The grass appears to be a mix of green and brown. The stuffed elephant has a red object in its mouth. The bucket has a logo that looks like a shield with a lion. The scissors are open. It's an interesting arrangement of everyday items in a natural setting.



Is there something odd about the looks of the picture itself? Does it look naturally captured?

### SCRAMBLe-Molmo

Yes, there are several aspects of this picture that give it an unusual and somewhat unnatural appearance. The most striking oddity is the quality of the image. While the objects in the scene - the bucket, scissors, and stuffed animal - appear realistic, the overall image has a very artificial look to it.

The grass, in particular, seems to be the main culprit. Instead of looking natural, it has an unnaturally perfect texture. The blades appear to be too uniformly aligned, lacking the organic variations you'd expect in real grass. This uniformity gives the grass an almost plastic-like quality, which is at odds with how grass typically grows in nature.

Additionally, the lighting and shadows in the image don't seem to comport with what you'd expect in a natural outdoor setting. They appear slightly off, contributing to the overall artificial feel of the picture.

These elements combine to create an image that, while containing realistic objects, has an overall look that's more reminiscent of a highly rendered 3D scene or a heavily processed photograph rather than a naturally captured image. The contrast between the seemingly real objects and the unnatural quality of the background creates a somewhat disconcerting effect.





Does the image look odd?

Molmo
Yes, the image does look odd. The scene appears to be from a video game, which gives it an artificial quality. The objects in the image - a teddy bear, a bucket, and scissors - seem out of place and arranged in a way that's more typical of game environments than real life. The grassy background and the slightly off proportions of the objects contribute to the surreal, game-like atmosphere. This unusual composition creates a sense of unease or strangeness, which is often a deliberate effect in certain types of video games or artistic representations.

# SCRAMBLe-Molmo Yes, the image does look odd. The

scene presents an unusual combination of objects that don't typically go together in this way. We have a small, white stuffed elephant lying on the ground next to a bucket and a pair of scissors. This odd trio of items in a grassy setting creates an strange and somewhat surreal atmosphere. The contrast between the innocent, childlike stuffed animal and the more utilitarian objects like the bucket and scissors adds to the oddity of the scene. It's the kind of image that might make you question what story or scenario it's trying to



Figure 4. Conversing with SCRAMBLe-Molmo (EQBen example). This is another EQBen example that Molmo gets right but SCRAMBLe-Molmo does not. SCRAMBLe-Molmo does correctly identify the elements of the image. As a further question, when asked if there is something odd about the image, Molmo directly answers that the image looks artificially generated and game like, which SCRAMBLe-Molmo picks on the fact that the objects in the image do not typically appear together and it starts to read into the meaning of this. When probed further about the looks of the image however, it does mention that the image looks 3D rendered.







### Molmo

The image features a striking neon cactus sculpture with a distinctive design. The cactus has three arms. with the central arm extending straight up and the other two curving outward. What makes this cactus unique is that the central arm is shaped like a middle finger, adding a rebellious or provocative element to the design.

The neon cactus is illuminated in a vibrant green color, creating a stark contrast against the purple background. It's mounted on a circular base, which appears to be purple as well, matching the overall color scheme of the scene

The sculpture is set in what looks like a desert landscape, with purple sand and rock formations surrounding it. This creates an otherworldly, surreal atmosphere that complements the unconventional design of the cactus.

A black cord extends from the base of the sculpture, likely for power or support. The entire scene is bathed in a purple glow, enhancing the futuristic and artistic feel of the image.

This neon cactus sculpture combine elements of nature, art, and pop culture in a bold, eye-catching display that's sure to make a statement in any space.

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This image features a striking neon cactus with an interesting twist. The cactus has the typical arms and shape of a neon sign, but instead of the usual friendly "hello" message, this one is flipping off the viewer with its middle finger. The neon cactus glows in a light blue or teal color against a vibrant purple background, creating a bold contrast

The cactus is sitting on a small purple platform, with a black cord extending from its base. The surrounding environment includes some purple, spiky objects that resemble rocks or perhaps more neon art. The overall aesthetic is very modern and edgy, combining the iconic cactus shape with a provocative gesture to create a memorable and eye-catching display.



Figure 5. Conversing with SCRAMBLe-Molmo (Winoground example). Both Molmo and SCRAMBLe-Molmo seem to read into the symbolism that the middle arm of the cactus looks like a middle finger and gives the image a rebellious tone.





**Molmo**The image depicts a woman with shoulder-length blonde hair sitting at a white kitchen table. She's wearing a red tank top and is in the process of cutting a slice of pizza on a red plate in front of her. There's a glass of water to her right and another plate with a pizza slice nearby.

The kitchen appears to be from the 1980s, with white cabinets and appliances. A large water cooler is visible on the left side of the image. The walls are white, and there's a

The scene is well-lit, with a light fixture visible on the ceiling. The overall atmosphere is casual and domestic, capturing a moment of everyday life in a kitchen setting.

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The image shows a woman sitting at a kitchen table. She has blonde hair and is wearing a red tank top. On the what appears to be pizza. The kitchen around her looks quite cluttered, with various items on the counters and shelves. There's a water cooler on the counter to her left, and the refrigerator is visible to her right. The overall scene gives the impression of a lived-in, busy kitchen.





Is the food in front of the woman or on her side?

The food is in front of the woman. She is sitting at a table with a plate of food directly in front of her. The plate appears to contain a slice of pizza, and there's a glass of water to her right.

### SCRAMBLe-Molmo

The food is in front of the woman. She has a plate of pizza in front of her on the table.





Is the food to the side of the woman?

# Molmo Yes, the food is to the side of the

woman. The woman is sitting at a table with a plate of food in front of her, but there's another plate of food visible to her right. This suggests that the food she's eating is on her left side, while the additional plate is on

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Yes, the food is to the side of the woman. There's a plate of pizza to her left, and another plate of pizza to her right. The woman appears to be reaching for a slice of pizza on her



Figure 6. Conversing with SCRAMBLe-Molmo (EQBen example). This is another examples from EQBen that SCRAMBLe-Molmo gets wrong but Molmo gets right. On asking to describe the image, both models do a reasonable job. On the 2nd question too both models respond that the food is in front of the woman. Somewhat contradictorily though, on the last question, both models answer yes.