Sex differences in emotion expression

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Appendix A

(Vignettes are translated from the original Dutch)

Anger
(Object is not target)
You have been to the cinema with a friend. When you and he [she] walk to your bicycles, you notice that your bicycle has been vandalized. The tires have been punctured, the front wheel has been bent, and the saddle has been removed. The sight of the vandalized bicycle makes you feel angry.

(Object is target)
A friend of yours has borrowed one of your jackets to wear at a party. You are very fond of the jacket and you ask him [her] to be careful with it. The next day, he [she] comes by to return the jacket. When he [she] hands it over, you straight-away see a wine spot on the right sleeve. The spot is very noticeable and you know your friend must have seen it, but he [she] does not mention it. The spoiled jacket and your friend’s attitude make you angry.

Sadness
(Object is not target)
You go with a friend to take your cat to the vet. Your cat is very ill and the vet has advised you to have him put to sleep. You agree with the surgeon. Now you are sitting with your friend in the waiting room. No one else apart from him [her] is present. You are feeling sad.

(Object is target)
The parents of one of your friends live in New Zealand. The parents want your friend to move to New Zealand to work with them. One evening he [she] comes by to tell you that he [she] has decided to go and is soon going to leave for New-Zealand. You know that you will miss him [her] badly and you feel sad.
Fear
(Object is not target)
One day you go with a friend to a city that is unfamiliar to both of you. You are walking to the station to catch the train home. The city is pretty well deserted. Neither of you knows the way. You take a turning to the right and find yourselves in a dark alley. Suddenly you notice three men coming right towards you. You feel afraid.

(Object is target)
A friend of yours has just got his [her] driver’s license. He [she] has invited you to spend the day going for a drive in his [her] parent’s car. Sitting in the passenger seat, you notice that he [she] is not a good driver. On leaving the city your friend begins to drive faster. It seems he [she] has confidence in his [her] driving ability, because he [she] overtakes many cars. When, for the second time, an overtaking maneuver nearly goes wrong, you feel afraid.

Disappointment
(Object is not target)
A while ago you met someone whom you find very attractive. You spend a pleasant evening with him [her] and he [she] said that he [she] would call you the following Wednesday evening to make a date. That evening a friend of yours is visiting and you tell him [her] about the important phone-call you are expecting. However, when it turns midnight, you know this person will not call anymore. You feel disappointed.

(Object is target)
You and a friend of yours have reserved tickets for a concert. You are very much looking forward to the concert. Apart from the fact that the band playing that evening is one of your favorites, you know that you will enjoy spending the evening with your friend. But the day before the concert your friend comes by to tell you that he [she] will not be able to come because he [she] has to work on the evening of the concert. Your plans are ruined. You feel disappointed.