

COGNITION

Cognition Questions

Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating?

Split Interviews:

How often do you have difficulty remembering important things?

Thinking about the last time you had difficulty remembering important things, how much difficulty did you have?

Cognition Questions

Split Interviews:

Do you have difficulty remembering a few things, a lot of things, or almost everything?

How much difficulty did you have in concentrating on doing something for ten minutes?

Cognition Findings

Remembering or concentrating

- No one had difficulty providing an answer.
- Most thought of remembering only or of both remembering and concentrating when answering this question; only a few thought only of concentration.
- Rs considered a variety of day-to-day items:
Examples: telephone numbers, names, a word, chores, taking medicine, birthdays, dates, misplacing items, appointments, pin numbers.
- Serious and minor examples formed the basis for responses

Cognition Findings

R remembering important things

- Varied understand of “important things”
- From the trivial (forgetting to brush teeth) to the more serious (forgetting where one lives) and everything in between.
- Some respondents directly asked what was meant by important (“Would that be your wife’s birthday?”).

Cognition Findings

The last time... how much difficulty

- Little cognitive interview data
- Many Rs experienced difficulty with the question.
 - Couldn't answer
 - Needed it repeated
 - Though it was no different from the previous question
 - Asked what was meant by “important things”

Cognition Findings

Difficulty remembering a few things, a lot of things, or almost everything

- Little cognitive interview data, especially relating why Rs answered the way they did
- Examples given were similar to previous questions: needing a grocery list, remembering appointments, chores, or names, or misplacing an item.

Cognition Findings

Doing something for 10 minutes

- Intent of question primarily not understood by Rs
- Many respondents said “it depends” based on:
 - Desirability of the task
 - Complexity of the task
 - Familiarity of the task
 - Number of distractions present while doing the task
- Some Rs overly focused on 10 minutes
 - Thinking “if a task only takes 10 minutes to accomplish, it must not be a very difficult task,” then answering ‘none’
 - Thinking “10 minutes isn’t enough time to accomplish almost anything,” then answering ‘severe.’

Summary of Cognition Findings

Revisions for Field Test Questionnaire

Cognition Field Test

Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating?

Do you have difficulty remembering, concentrating, or both?

How often do you have difficulty remembering?

Do you have difficulty remembering a few things, a lot of things, or almost everything?

Cognition Field Test

Please tell me which of the following statements, if any, describe your difficulty remembering:

I forget things because I am busy and have too much to remember.

My difficulty is getting worse.

My difficulty has put me or my family in danger.

I only forget little or inconsequential things.

I must write down important things, such as my address or when to take medicine, so that I do not forget.

My family members or friends are worried about my difficulty remembering.

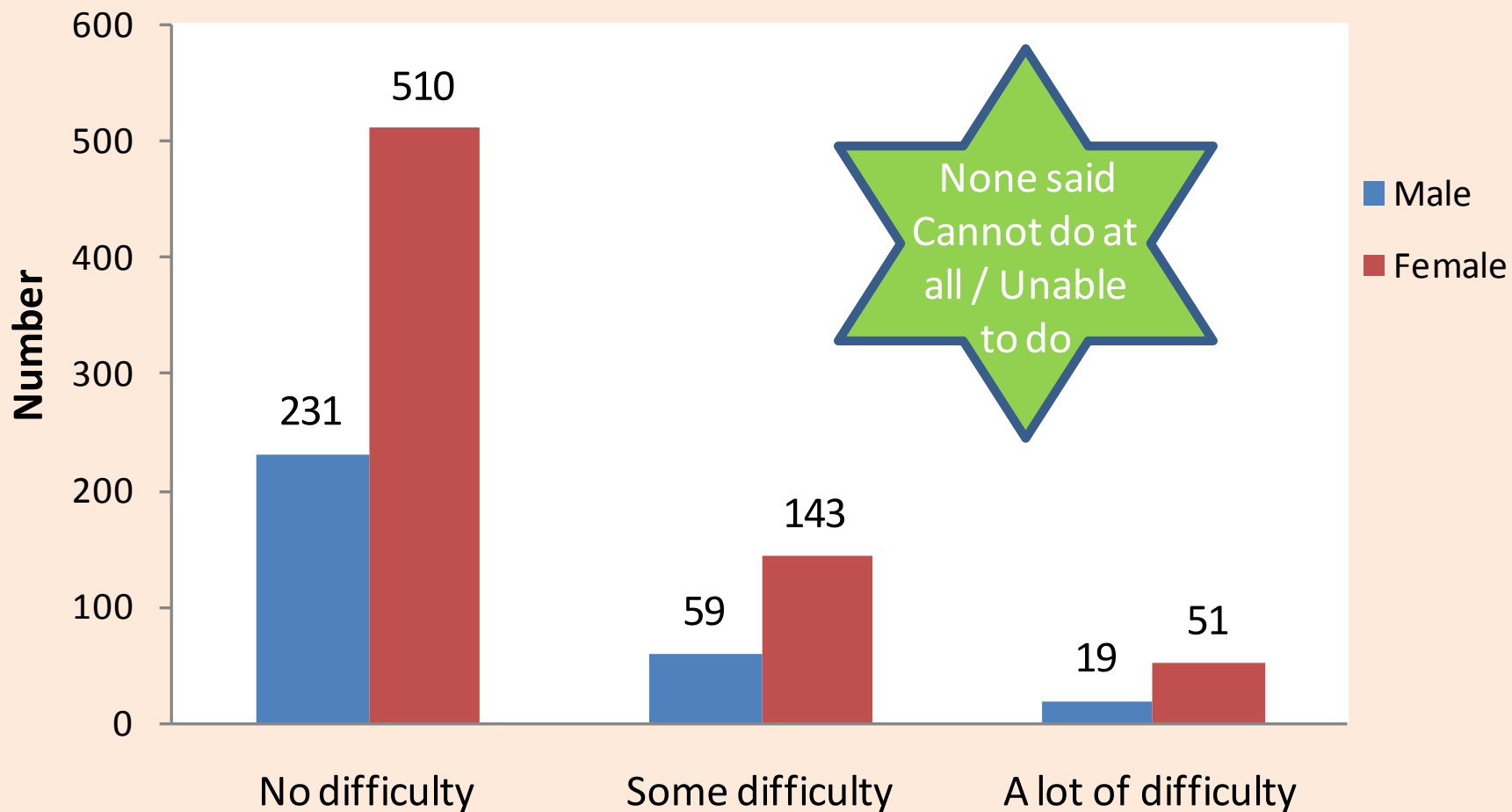
My difficulty is normal for someone my age.

Maldives

- COG_SS Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating?
 - enumerators had to repeat the question to Rs.
 - Some times forget about school lessons
 - Forgets to tell the same way as what somebody else has told
 - Remember things can be remembered but some things wont
 - when someone talks to him he will think about it a lot. But couldn't express or tell anything
 - sometimes forgets things. But not so much
 - Some times a lot ??????

COG_SS

Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating?



- COG_1 Do you have difficulty remembering, concentrating, or both?

- Suggestion

- No need of previous question

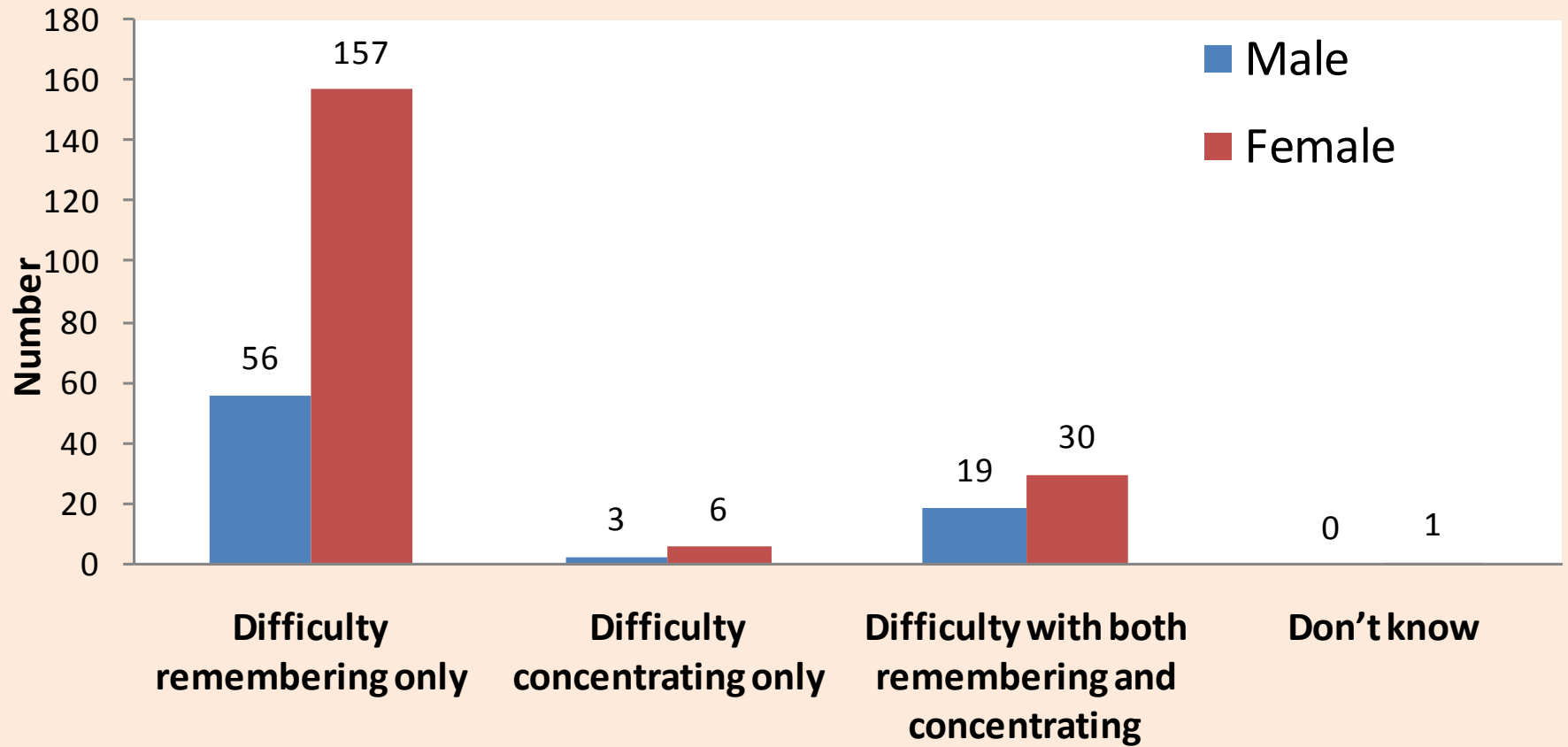
- Rs Comments

- Repeat question
 - She asked what do you mean by concentration? Is it not giving concentration when people speaking?



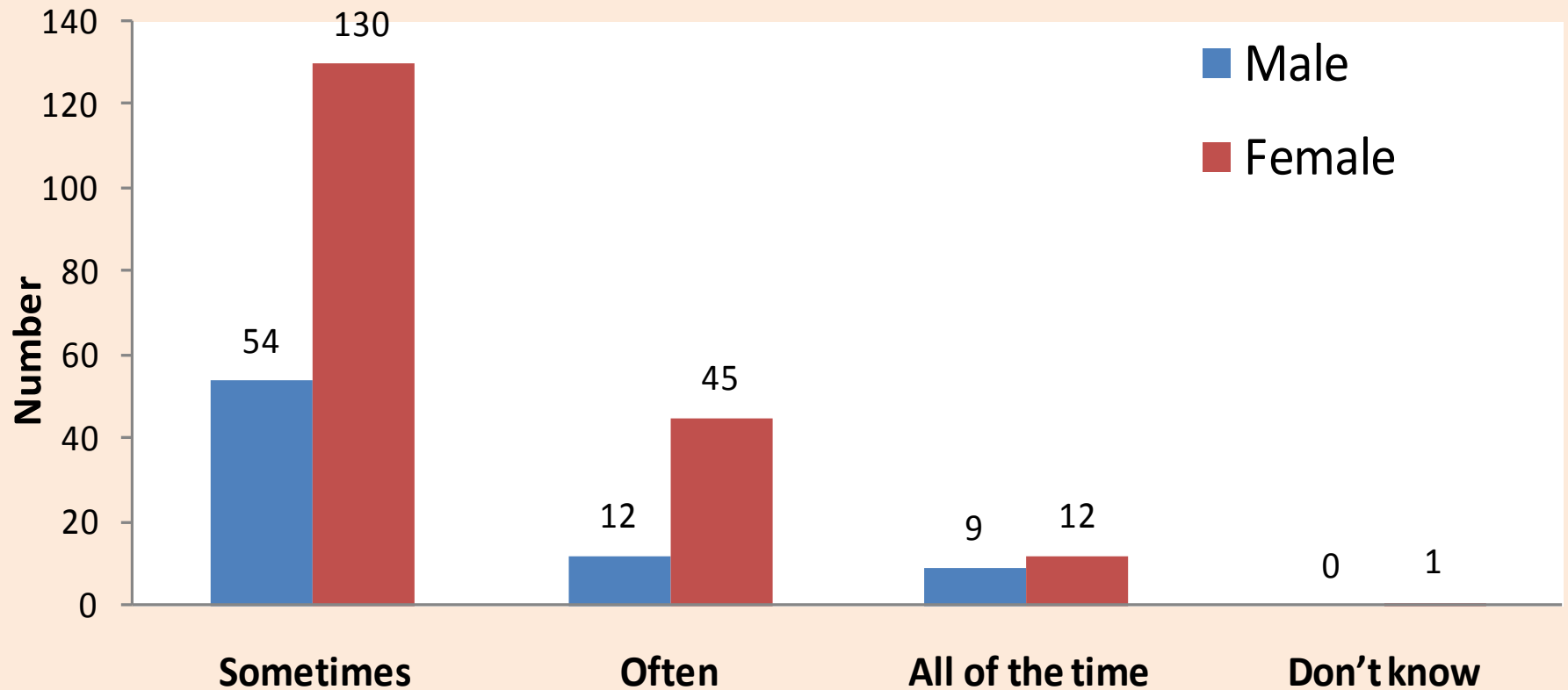
COG_1

Do you have difficulty remembering, concentrating, or both?

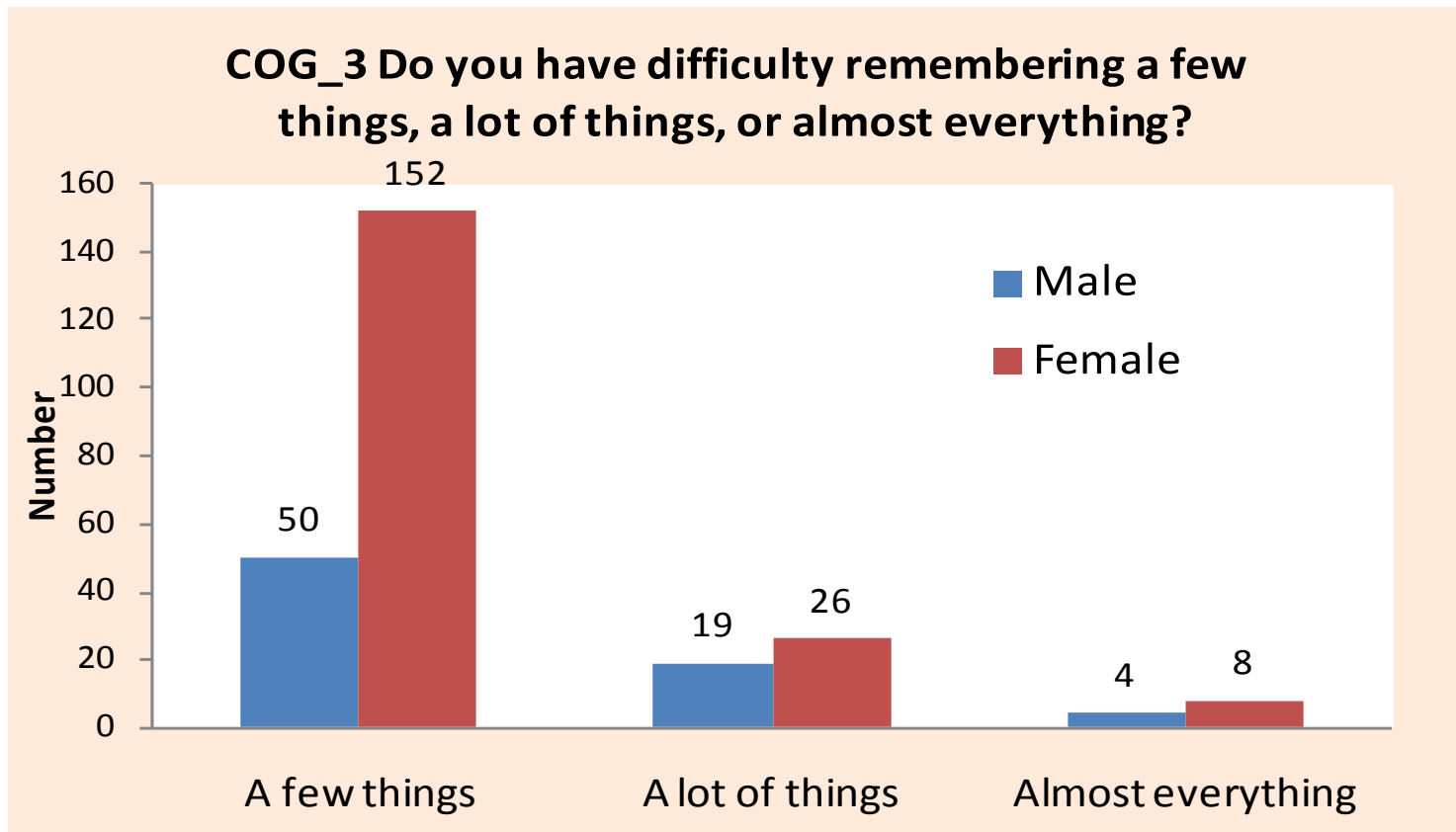


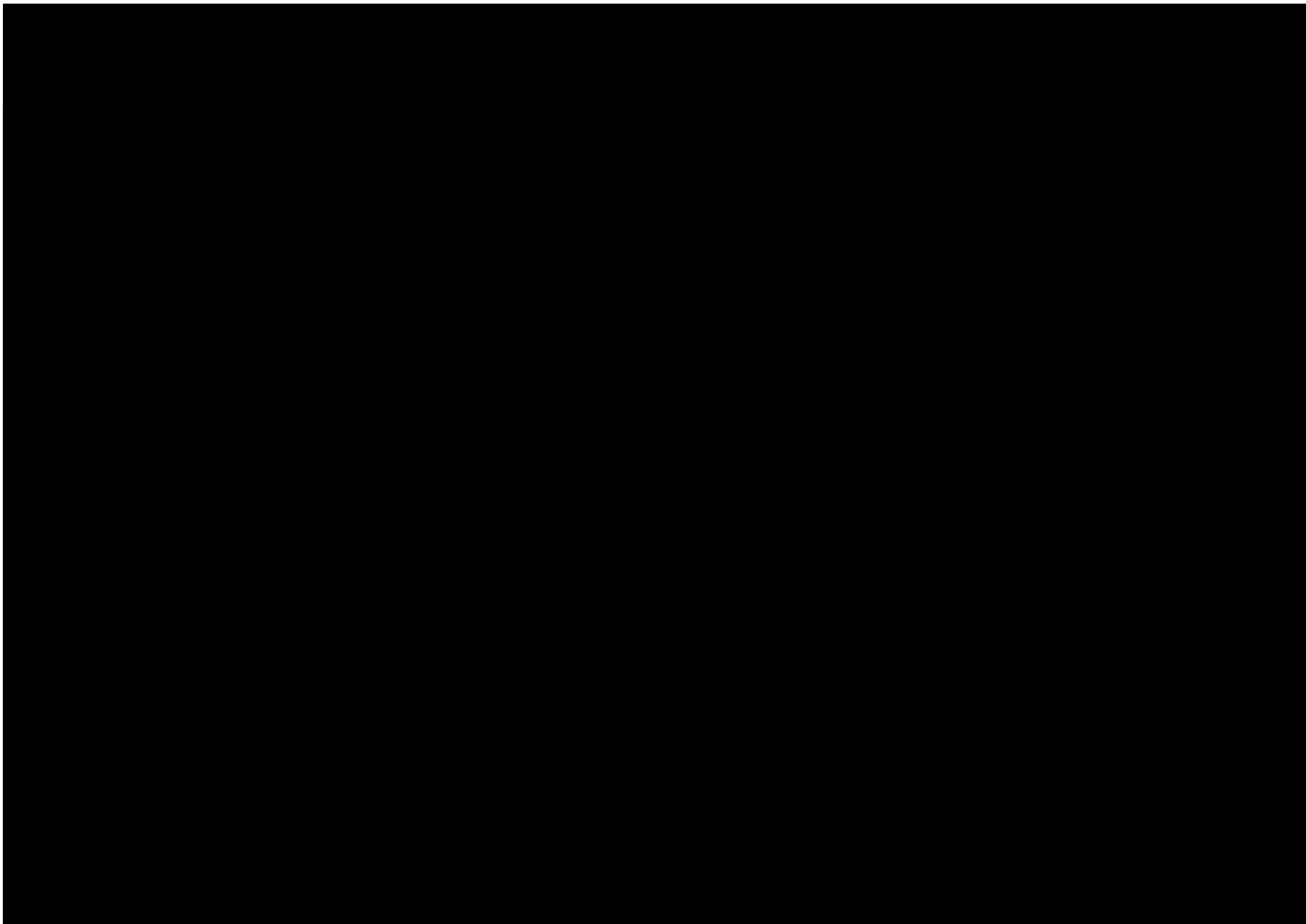
- COG_2 How often do you have difficulty remembering?
- Rs Comments
 - Forget things due to the job involved
 - When cooking sometime put tea leaves instead of salt
 - Forgets to attend parent teacher meetings. Feels concerned about her children's studies
 - Few times

COG_2 How often do you have difficulty remembering?

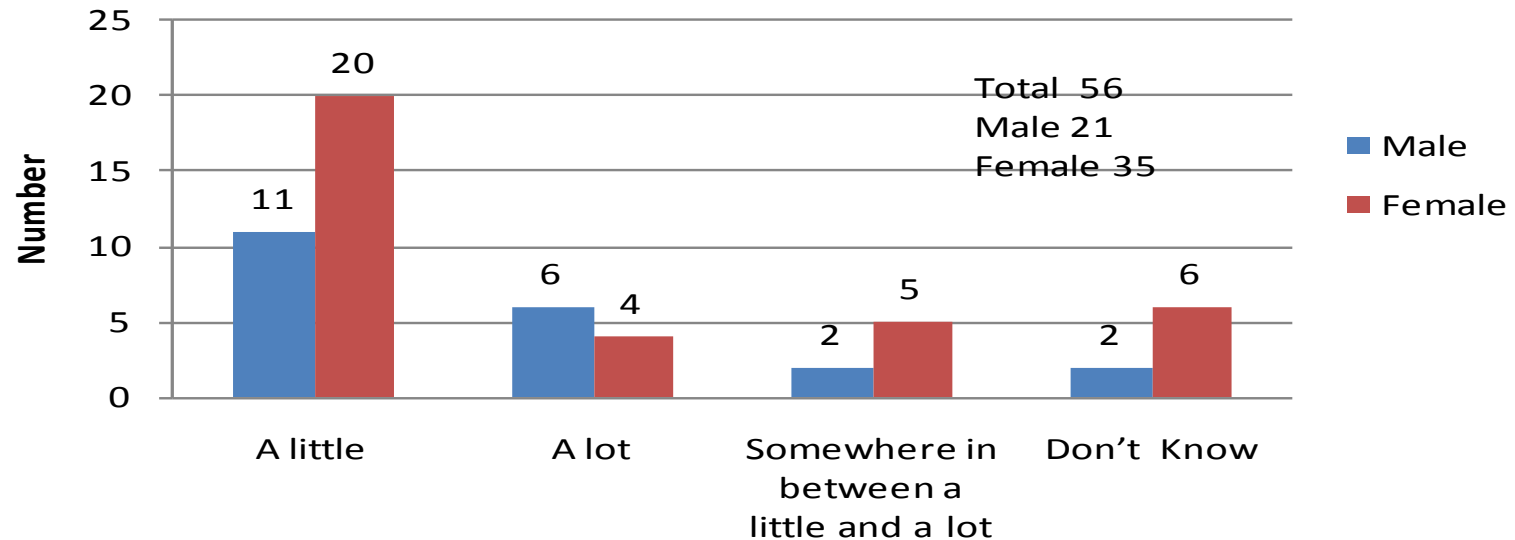


- COG_3 Do you have difficulty remembering a few things, a lot of things, or almost everything?
- Rs Comments
 - She said when she is busy she forgets easily
 - Cannot remember what she learns





Cog 4: How much difficulty do you have concentrating for ten minutes?

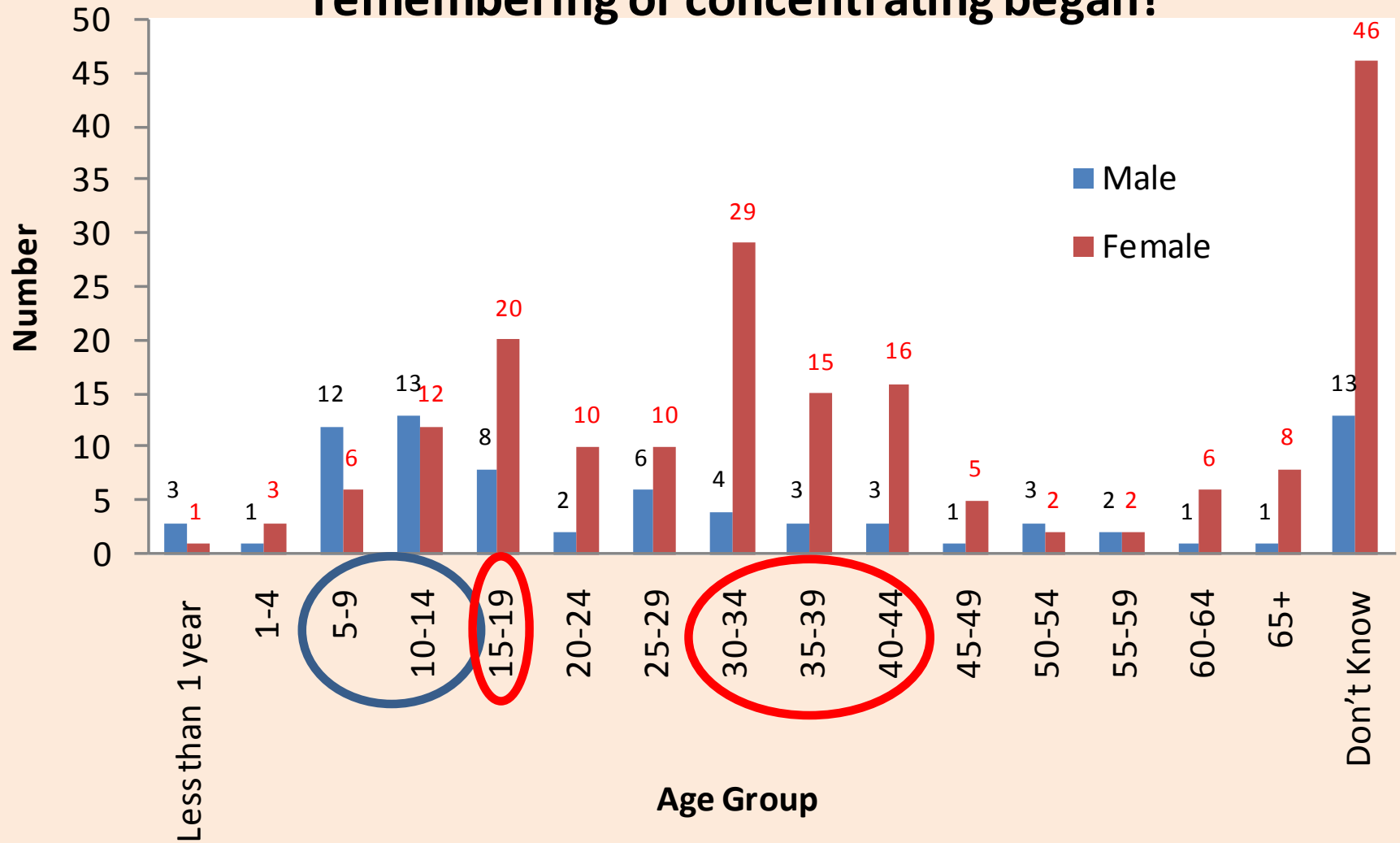


- Rs comments

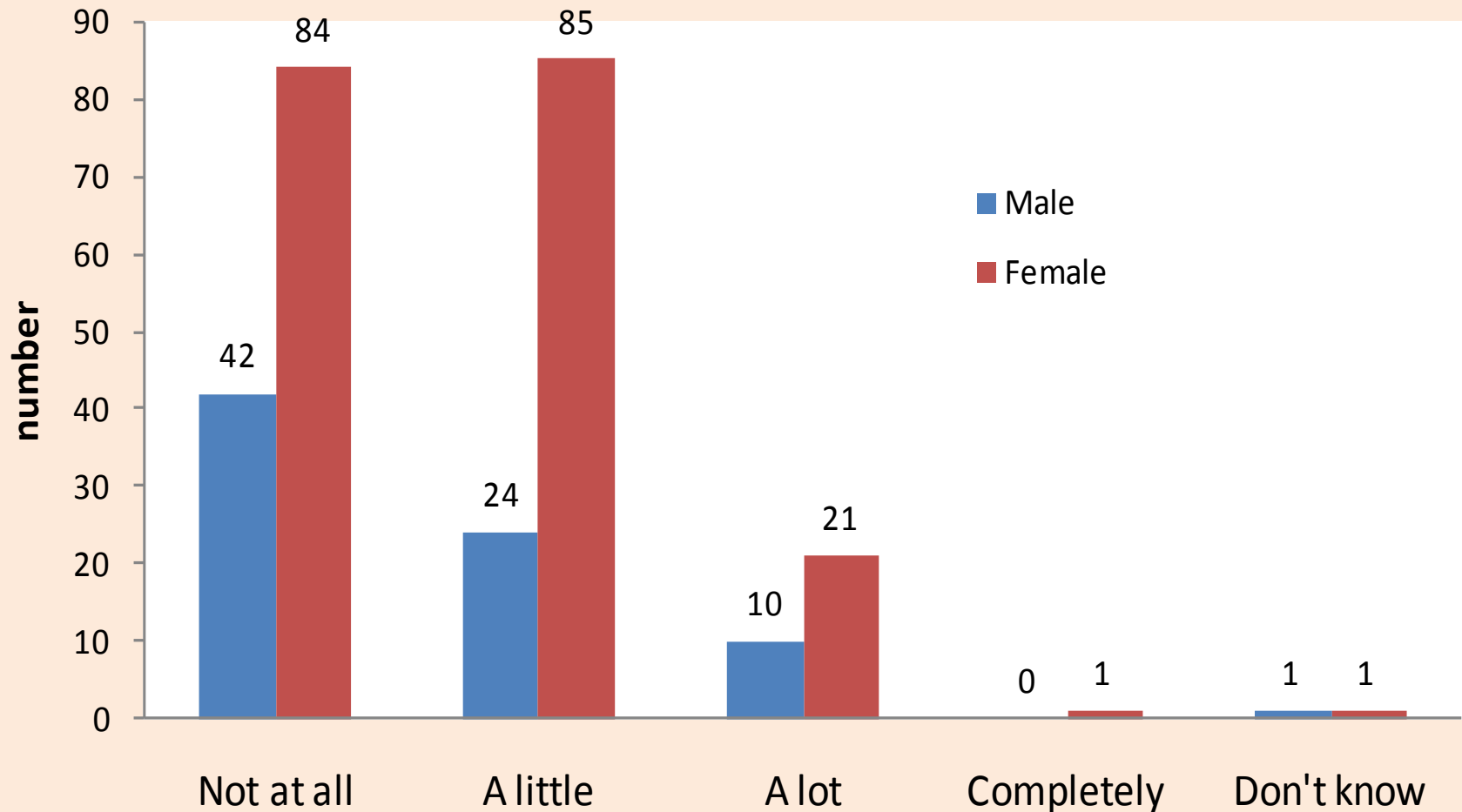
- Can give concentration for few mins
- No difficulty to concentrate for 10 mins
- Not difficult for 10 mins
- Its not difficult to concentrate on something for 10 mins

Suggestion
-Need to rephrase question

COG_6 How old were you when the difficulty remembering or concentrating began?



COG_7 How much does your difficulty remembering or concentrating limit your ability to carry out daily activities?



Rs Comments

- Cannot do any work alone
- Repeat the question
- The things which is interesting can remember
- Always had to note down her activities. Also keeps alarm
- Difficult to give concentration to school work and sometimes doing house work

P_COG_7 Which of the following activities, if any, are you unable to do, or find it hard to do, because of your difficulty remembering or concentrating?

Every time repeating these questions people got angry and later didn't pay much attention and had to force them to answer.