

Supplementary Figure 1. Behavior rating results at the stimulus-selection stage. The figure shows four selected texts' rating scores on eight items from an independent group of participants who did not participate in the fMRI experiment. Each text was rated by 20 participants. The dots denote the rating scores of individual participants, the bars denote the mean rating score across participants, and the error bars denote the standard error of the mean rating score. The narrative texts had a significantly higher rating than the argumentative texts on narrativeness, concreteness, scene construction, self-projection, and theory of mind. The argumentative texts had a significantly higher rating than the narrative texts on argumentativeness, abstractness, and logical thinking. The participants who participated in the fMRI experiment did the same rating. The results validated the rating pattern here, as shown in Figure 1.

Supplementary Figure 2. Brian network identification. a The spatial distribution of each brain system derived from a pre-labeled atlas (see "Brain network identification" section in Methods for details). "Sensorimotor*" denotes the brain system including the somatosensory and motor cortices mainly corresponding to the body parts below the neck. "Auditory*" denotes the brain system including not only the auditory cortex but also the somatosensory and motor cortexes mainly corresponding to the body parts above the neck. "Ventral Attention*" denotes the ventral attention network, which may also implicate multiple networks variably referred to in the literature as the salience network or the cingulo-opercular network. **b** The DMN defined with the data specifically from the participants in this experiment. The DMN was mapped through the seed-based resting-state functional connectivity with the seed located in the posterior cingulate cortex (demarcated by the navy-blue circle). Significant regions across participants were defined as the DMN (FWE corrected $P < 0.001$, area > 200 mm²). They closely resembled the DMN distribution in Figure a and covered all the core regions in the DMN, i.e., the posterior cingulate cortex / retrosplenial cortex / precuneus, the angular gyrus, the ventral medial prefrontal cortex, the dorsal medial prefrontal cortex, the parahippocampal cortex, and the anterior lateral temporal cortex.

Supplementary Figure 3. Distribution of ISC results across brain systems. The figure shows the pie charts illustrating how many percentages of significant vertexes in each contrast fall into each brain system defined by the pre-labeled brain atlas. The portion of the DMN is highlighted as the offset slice. Percentages less than 6% are not labeled. The layout corresponds to Figure 2 in the main text. "Sensorimotor*" denotes the brain system including the somatosensory and motor cortices mainly corresponding to the body parts below the neck. "Auditory*" denotes the brain system including not only the auditory cortex but also the somatosensory and motor cortexes mainly corresponding to the body parts above the neck. "Ventral Attention*" denotes the ventral attention network, which may also implicate multiple networks variably referred to in the literature as the salience network or the cinguloopercular network.

Supplementary Figure 4. Contrast between the ISC results of narrative and argumentative thought. a The significant areas which met three criteria: (1) (*Intact Narrative* – *Scrambled Narrative*) > (*Intact Argument* – *Scrambled Argument*) (P < 0.05, FDR corrected, area > 200 mm2); (2) *Intact Narrative* > *Scrambled Narrative* (P < 0.05, FDR corrected, area > 200 mm²); (3) *Intact Narrative* > *Resting State* (P < 0.05, FDR corrected, area > 200 mm²). The color bar indicates the standard effect size (SES) in the contrast between narrative and argumentative thought [(*Intact Narrative* – *Scrambled Narrative*) > (Intact Argument – Scrambled Argument)]. The red borderline demarcates the territory of the DMN, defined by the seed-based resting-state functional connectivity from the posterior cingulate cortex using the data from the participants in this experiment (Supplementary Figure 2b; see Methods for details). **b** The percentage of the significant areas falling into each brain system. Over 97% of significant brain areas fell into four brain systems. They were dorsal attention, control, language, and default mode. "Sensorimotor*" denotes the brain system including the somatosensory and motor cortices mainly corresponding to the body parts below the neck. "Auditory*" denotes the brain system including not only the auditory cortex but also the somatosensory and motor cortexes mainly corresponding to the body parts above the neck. "Ventral Attention^{*}" denotes the ventral attention network, which may also implicate multiple networks variably referred to in the literature as the salience network or the cingulo-opercular network.

Supplementary Figure 5. Raw ISC map comparison among intact-text conditions. a The pre-contrast raw ISC maps of four intact-text conditions. While both narrative texts induced strong ISC in the core regions of the DMN, e.g., the angular gyrus and the precuneus, neither argumentative texts induced strong ISC in the DMN. **b** The Pearson's correlation among the raw ISC maps of the four intact-text conditions across vertices. Texts of the same types induced more similar ISC patterns than texts of different types.

Supplementary Figure 6. Consistency between the ISC results of two narrative texts. ISC contrast maps illustrate the significant areas of each contrast using the texts of Narrative 1 (left) and Narrative 2 (right) ($P < 0.05$, FDR corrected, area > 200 mm²). The red borderline demarcates the territory of the DMN, defined by the seedbased resting-state functional connectivity from the posterior cingulate cortex using the data from the participants in this experiment (Supplementary Figure 2b; see Methods for details). The results showed an overall consistency between the two narrative texts. The Jaccard similarity coefficients between the two narrative texts in the contrast of the scrambled-sentence condition to the resting-state condition (the first row), the intact-text condition to the resting-state condition (the second row), and the intact-text condition to the scrambled-sentence condition (the third row) were 0.47, 0.46, and 0.08, respectively. Although the overlap coefficient in the result of the contrast between the intact-text condition to the scrambled-sentence condition was relatively low, the intersection area between the two narrative texts mostly fell in the DMN, i.e., the precuneus and the right posterior angular gyrus. SES: standard effect size.

Supplementary Figure 7. Consistency between the ISC results of two argumentative texts. ISC contrast maps illustrate the significant areas of each contrast using the texts of Argument 1 (left) and Argument 2 (right) ($P < 0.05$, FDR corrected, area > 200 mm²). The red borderline demarcates the territory of the DMN, defined by the seedbased resting-state functional connectivity from the posterior cingulate cortex using the data from the participants in this experiment (Supplementary Figure 2b; see Methods for details). The results showed an overall consistency between the two argumentative texts. The Jaccard similarity coefficients between the two argumentative texts in the contrast of the scrambled-sentence condition to the resting-state condition (the first row) and the intact-text condition to the resting-state condition (the second row) were 0.43 and 0.49, respectively. We did not find any significant areas in the contrast of the intact-text condition to the scrambled-sentence condition for the two argumentative texts (the third row). SES: standard effect size.

Supplementary Figure 8. Critical functional couplings for narrative and argumentative thought. a The top 20 functional couplings in the DMN with the largest effect size in the contrast between the intact-narrative condition and the scrambled-narrative condition. All these functional couplings met two criteria: *Intact Narrative* > *Scrambled Narrative* ($P < 0.05$, FWE corrected) and *Intact Narrative* > *Resting State* ($P < 0.05$, FWE corrected). **b** The top 20 functional couplings in the whole brain with the largest effect size in the contrast between the intact-argumentative condition and the scrambled-argumentative condition. All these functional couplings met two criteria: *Intact Argument* > *Scrambled Argument* (P < 0.05, FWE corrected) and *Intact Argument* > *Resting State* (P < 0.05, FWE corrected). The size of the nodes denotes the node degree in the whole-brain graph. The color of the nodes denotes the brain system that they belong to. The width of the edge denotes the SES of the contrast. Intra-system edges are in the color of that brain system, and inter-system edges are in gray.

Supplementary Figure 9. Consistency between the ISFC results of two narrative texts. The figure compares the network distribution between two narrative texts of all the significant functional couplings ($P < 0.05$, FWE corrected) in the contrasts between the scrambled-narrative condition and the resting-state condition (the first row), the intact-narrative condition and the resting state (the second row), and the intact- and the scrambled-narrative conditions (the third row). Each cell indicates the mean SES of each contrast, i.e., the ratio of the sum of the SES to the number of the edges in the fully connected situation. For both narrative texts, the scrambled text mainly induced functional couplings regarding the auditory, language, control, and attention systems. Both intact narratives additionally induced the functional couplings among the brain regions in the DMN. Compared to the scramblednarrative condition, the intact-narrative condition enhanced the functional coupling mainly regarding the default mode, language, and control systems. Despite the consistency, different texts of the same type also exhibited a detectable difference in network reconfiguration, which might be due to the variability in content and writing style. "Auditory*" denotes the network including not only the auditory cortex but also the ventral somatosensory and motor brain areas corresponding to the body parts above the neck. VenAtten = Ventral Attention; DorAtten = Dorsal Attention.

Supplementary Figure 10. Consistency between the ISFC results of two argumentative texts. The figure compares the network distribution between two argumentative texts of all the significant functional couplings ($P \leq$ 0.05, FWE corrected) in the contrasts between the scrambled-argumentative condition and the resting-state condition (the first row), the intact-argumentative condition and the resting-state condition (the second row), and the intact- and the scrambled-argumentative conditions (the third row). Each cell indicates the mean SES of each contrast, i.e., the ratio of the sum of the SES to the number of the edges in the fully connected situation. For both argumentative texts, the scrambled text mainly induced functional couplings regarding the auditory, language, control, and attention systems. Comparing the intact texts to the scrambled ones revealed the enhanced functional couplings mainly between the control and the language systems for both argumentative texts. Despite the consistency, different texts of the same type also exhibited a detectable difference in network reconfiguration, which might be due to the variability in content and writing style. "Auditory*" denotes the network including not only the auditory cortex but also the ventral somatosensory and motor brain areas corresponding to the body parts above the

Supplementary Figure 11. The brain network specific to narrative thought, defined by a direct comparison of narrative thought to argumentative thought. a The network layout of the brain network specific to narrative thought using the force-directed graph drawing algorithm. For clarity, we only included the top 995 out of 2348 significant edges with the largest standardized effect size (SES) in the contrast between narrative thought and argumentative thought [(*Intact Narrative* – *Scrambled Narrative*) > (*Intact Argument* – *Scrambled Argument*)] (i.e., network density equals 5%, as there were 19900 potential edges). The color legend is the same as the one in Figure 4 and Figure 5. **b** The distribution of all the 2348 edges within and between brain systems, where each cell indicates the mean SES in the contrast between narrative thought and argumentative thought [(*Intact Narrative* – *Scrambled Narrative*) > (*Intact Argument* – *Scrambled Argument*)], i.e., the ratio of the sum of the SES to the number of the edges in the fully connected situation. There were 96 edges in the DMN, which are highlighted in the dotted box. **c** The SES of the edges of all the conditions in contrast to the resting state in the DMN. **d** The top 20 edges in the DMN with the largest SES in the contrast between narrative thought and argumentative thought [(*Intact Narrative* – *Scrambled Narrative*) > (*Intact Argument* – *Scrambled Argument*)]. In **a** and **d**, the relative size of the nodes denotes the node degree of each brain area in the whole graph comprising 2348 edges. The color of the nodes denotes to which brain system they belong. The width of the edges denotes the SES. Intra-system edges are in the color of that network; inter-system edges are in gray.

Supplementary Figure 12. The brain network specific to argumentative thought, defined by a direct comparison of argumentative thought to narrative thought. a The network layout of the brain network specific to argumentative thought using the force-directed graph drawing algorithm. It consisted of 64 edges. The color legend is the same as the one in Figure 4 and Figure 5. **b** The distribution of 64 edges within and between brain systems, where each cell indicates the mean standardized effect size (SES) in the contrast between argumentative thought and narrative thought [(*Intact Argument* – *Scrambled Argument)* > (*Intact Narrative* – *Scrambled Narrative*)], i.e., the ratio of the sum of the SES to the number of the edges in the fully connected situation. As highlighted in the dotted box, most of the significant edges were within the control and the language systems. **c** The SES of the edges of all the conditions in contrast to the resting state within the control and the language systems. **d** The top 20 edges with the largest SES in the contrast between argumentative thought and narrative thought [(*Intact Argument* – *Scrambled Argument)* > (*Intact Narrative* – *Scrambled Narrative*)]. In **a** and **d**, the relative size of the nodes denotes the node degree of each brain area in the whole graph comprising 64 edges. The color of the nodes denotes to which brain system they belong. The width of the edges denotes the SES. Intra-system edges are in the color of that network; inter-system edges are in gray.

Supplementary Figure 13. Data quality check. This figure shows the box plots and the dot plots of the postscanning questionnaire results and the head motion measures of the 19 participants. One out of the 20 participants was excluded due to the blurry T1 weighted images which could not be segmented successfully. **a** The results of the post-scanning questionnaire. The questionnaire included two questionsfor each of the four texts about its content. The questionnaire aimed to check whether the participants had paid attention to the texts that they heard during the scanning. We excluded one participant whose performance was outside 1.5 times the interquartile range below the lower quartile (denoted by a red dot). **b** The head motion of each participant which was measured using the mean framewise displacement index across nine functional runs. We excluded two participants whose head motion was outside 1.5 times the interquartile range above the upper quartile (denoted by red dots). The remaining 16 participants entered the analyses.

Supplementary Note 1. Rating Questionnaire

The questionnaire below shows the English translations of the nine rating questions that were used to select the stimuli. The keywords in the parentheses indicate the features to be rated. They were not presented to the participants. The question order is randomized for each text and for each participant.

Is this text easy to be understood in general? (Difficulty)

1. unlikely 2. hardly likely 3. fairly likely 4. very likely 5. extremely likely

To what extent do you think this text is an argumentative text which claims arguments and shows evidence to persuade the reader to agree with it? (Argumentativeness)

1. unlikely 2. hardly likely 3. fairly likely 4. very likely 5. extremely likely

To what extent do you think this text describes specific experience about a person, a place, or a situation instead of general facts about the universe? (Concreteness)

1. unlikely 2. hardly likely 3. fairly likely 4. very likely 5. extremely likely

To what extent do you think this text exposits general facts, truth, or principles about the universe instead of specific experience? (Abstractness)

1. unlikely 2. hardly likely 3. fairly likely 4. very likely 5. extremely likely

To what extent did the text lead you to imagine the scenes described in the text? (Scene Construction)

1. unlikely 2. hardly likely 3. fairly likely 4. very likely 5. extremely likely

To what extent did the text lead you to mentally put yourself into the situation that describes by this text? (Selfprojection)

1. unlikely 2. hardly likely 3. fairly likely 4. very likely 5. extremely likely

To what extent did this text lead you to speculate about the preferences, emotions, or thoughts of other people? (Theory of mind)

1. unlikely 2. hardly likely 3. fairly likely 4. very likely 5. extremely likely

To what extent did the text lead to reason logically? (logical thinking)

1. unlikely 2. hardly likely 3. fairly likely 4. very likely 5. extremely likely

Supplementary Note 2. MRI preprocessing using fMRIPrep 1.50

We performed the fMRI preprocessing using fMRIPrep 1.50. The command line used was: *fmriprep BIDS_DIR OUTPUT_DIR -w WORK_DIR --participant_label PARTICIPANT_LABEL --ignore fieldmaps slicetiming - output-spaces MNI152NLin2009cAsym MNI152NLin6Asym:res-2 fsaverage5 --use-aroma --dummy-scans 10 - cifti-output --write-graph*. The following text is copied from the boilerplate text generated by *fMRIPrep*, which allows for clear and consistent description of the preprocessing steps, aiming to improve experimental reproducibility.

Results included in this manuscript come from preprocessing performed using fMRIPrep 1.5.0 (Esteban, Markiewicz, et al. (2018); Esteban, Blair, et al. (2018); RRID:SCR 016216), which is based on Nipype 1.2.2 (Gorgolewski et al. (2011); Gorgolewski et al. (2018); RRID:SCR_002502).

Anatomical data preprocessing

The T1-weighted (T1w) image was corrected for intensity non-uniformity (INU) with N4BiasFieldCorrection (Tustison et al. 2010), distributed with ANTs 2.2.0 (Avants et al. 2008, RRID:SCR_004757), and used as T1wreference throughout the workflow. The T1w-reference was then skull-stripped with a Nipype implementation of the antsBrainExtraction.sh workflow (from ANTs), using OASIS30ANTs as target template. Brain tissue segmentation of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), white-matter (WM) and gray-matter (GM) was performed on the brainextracted T1w using fast (FSL 5.0.9, RRID:SCR 002823, Zhang, Brady, and Smith 2001). Brain surfaces were reconstructed using recon-all (FreeSurfer 6.0.1, RRID:SCR_001847, Dale, Fischl, and Sereno 1999), and the brain mask estimated previously was refined with a custom variation of the method to reconcile ANTs-derived and FreeSurfer-derived segmentations of the cortical gray-matter of Mindboggle (RRID:SCR_002438, Klein et al. 2017). Volume-based spatial normalization to two standard spaces (MNI152NLin2009cAsym, MNI152NLin6Asym) was performed through nonlinear registration with antsRegistration (ANTs 2.2.0), using brain-extracted versions of both T1w reference and the T1w template. The following templates were selected for spatial normalization: ICBM 152 Nonlinear Asymmetrical template version 2009c [Fonov et al. (2009), RRID:SCR_008796; TemplateFlow ID: MNI152NLin2009cAsym], FSL's MNI ICBM 152 non-linear 6th Generation Asymmetric Average Brain Stereotaxic Registration Model [Evans et al. (2012), RRID:SCR_002823; TemplateFlow ID: MNI152NLin6Asym].

Functional data preprocessing

For each of the 9 BOLD runs found per subject (across all tasks and sessions), the following preprocessing was performed. First, a reference volume and its skull-stripped version were generated using a custom methodology of fMRIPrep. The BOLD reference was then co-registered to the T1w reference using bbregister (FreeSurfer) which implements boundary-based registration(Greve and Fischl 2009). Co-registration was configured with six degrees of freedom. Head-motion parameters with respect to the BOLD reference (transformation matrices, and six corresponding rotation and translation parameters) are estimated before any spatiotemporal filtering using mcflirt (FSL 5.0.9, Jenkinson et al. 2002). The BOLD time-series, were resampled to surfaces on the following spaces: fsaverage5. Grayordinates files (Glasser et al. 2013), which combine surface-sampled data and volume-sampled data, were also generated. The BOLD time-series (including slice-timing correction when applied) were resampled onto their original, native space by applying a single, composite transform to correct for head-motion and susceptibility distortions. These resampled BOLD time-series will be referred to as preprocessed BOLD in original space, or just preprocessed BOLD. The BOLD time-series were resampled into several standard spaces, correspondingly generating the following spatially-normalized, preprocessed BOLD runs: MNI152NLin2009cAsym, MNI152NLin6Asym. First, a reference volume and its skull-stripped version were

generated using a custom methodology of fMRIPrep. Automatic removal of motion artifacts using independent component analysis (ICA-AROMA, Pruim et al. 2015) was performed on the preprocessed BOLD on MNI space time-series after removal of non-steady state volumes and spatial smoothing with an isotropic, Gaussian kernel of 6mm FWHM (full-width half-maximum). Corresponding "non-aggresively" denoised runs were produced after such smoothing. Additionally, the "aggressive" noise-regressors were collected and placed in the corresponding confounds file. Several confounding time-series were calculated based on the preprocessed BOLD: framewise displacement (FD), DVARS and three region-wise global signals. FD and DVARS are calculated for each functional run, both using their implementations in Nipype (following the definitions by Power et al. 2014). The three global signals are extracted within the CSF, the WM, and the whole-brain masks. Additionally, a set of physiological regressors were extracted to allow for component-based noise correction (CompCor, Behzadi et al. 2007). Principal components are estimated after high-pass filtering the preprocessed BOLD time-series (using a discrete cosine filter with 128s cut-off) for the two CompCor variants: temporal (tCompCor) and anatomical (aCompCor). tCompCor components are then calculated from the top 5% variable voxels within a mask covering the subcortical regions. This subcortical mask is obtained by heavily eroding the brain mask, which ensures it does not include cortical GM regions. For aCompCor, components are calculated within the intersection of the aforementioned mask and the union of CSF and WM masks calculated in T1w space, after their projection to the native space of each functional run (using the inverse BOLD-to-T1w transformation). Components are also calculated separately within the WM and CSF masks. For each CompCor decomposition, the k components with the largest singular values are retained, such that the retained components' time series are sufficient to explain 50 percent of variance across the nuisance mask (CSF, WM, combined, or temporal). The remaining components are dropped from consideration. The headmotion estimates calculated in the correction step were also placed within the corresponding confounds file. The confound time series derived from head motion estimates and global signals were expanded with the inclusion of temporal derivatives and quadratic terms for each (Satterthwaite et al. 2013). Frames that exceeded a threshold of 0.5 mm FD or 1.5 standardised DVARS were annotated as motion outliers. All resamplings can be performed with a single interpolation step by composing all the pertinent transformations (i.e. head-motion transform matrices, susceptibility distortion correction when available, and co-registrations to anatomical and output spaces). Gridded (volumetric) resamplings were performed using antsApplyTransforms (ANTs), configured with Lanczos interpolation to minimize the smoothing effects of other kernels(Lanczos 1964). Non-gridded (surface) resamplings were performed using mri_vol2surf (FreeSurfer).

Many internal operations of fMRIPrep use Nilearn 0.5.2 (Abraham et al. 2014, RRID:SCR_001362), mostly within the functional processing workflow. For more details of the pipeline, see the section corresponding to workflows in fMRIPrep's documentation.

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