



Supplementary Figure 2. Half-longitudinal Mediation model for testing the mediation role of Language between Emotion Comprehension at Time 2 (T2) and Theory of Mind at Time 3 (T3) (N = 100). a is the effect of Emotion Comprehension (predictor) on Language (mediator) from T2 to T3, b is the effect of Language (mediator) on Theory of Mind (outcome) from T2 to T3. Model fit: $\chi^2(2) = 4.76; p = .09$; CFI = .948; RMSEA = .123. Indirect effect (ab) = .01; $p = .887$; 95% CI: -.188, .231. Values are standardized coefficients. Parenthetical values are confidence intervals (95%) of the path weights. * $p < .05$; ** $p < .01$; *** $p < .001$.