V_Unique v1.0: The Manual
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V_Unique was conceived as a minimal vocabulary test to assess lexical originality. It was created as a way to collect words quickly and efficiently from test takers and to compare these words to those already provided by other users in the same test.

1. V_Unique workspace looks like this:
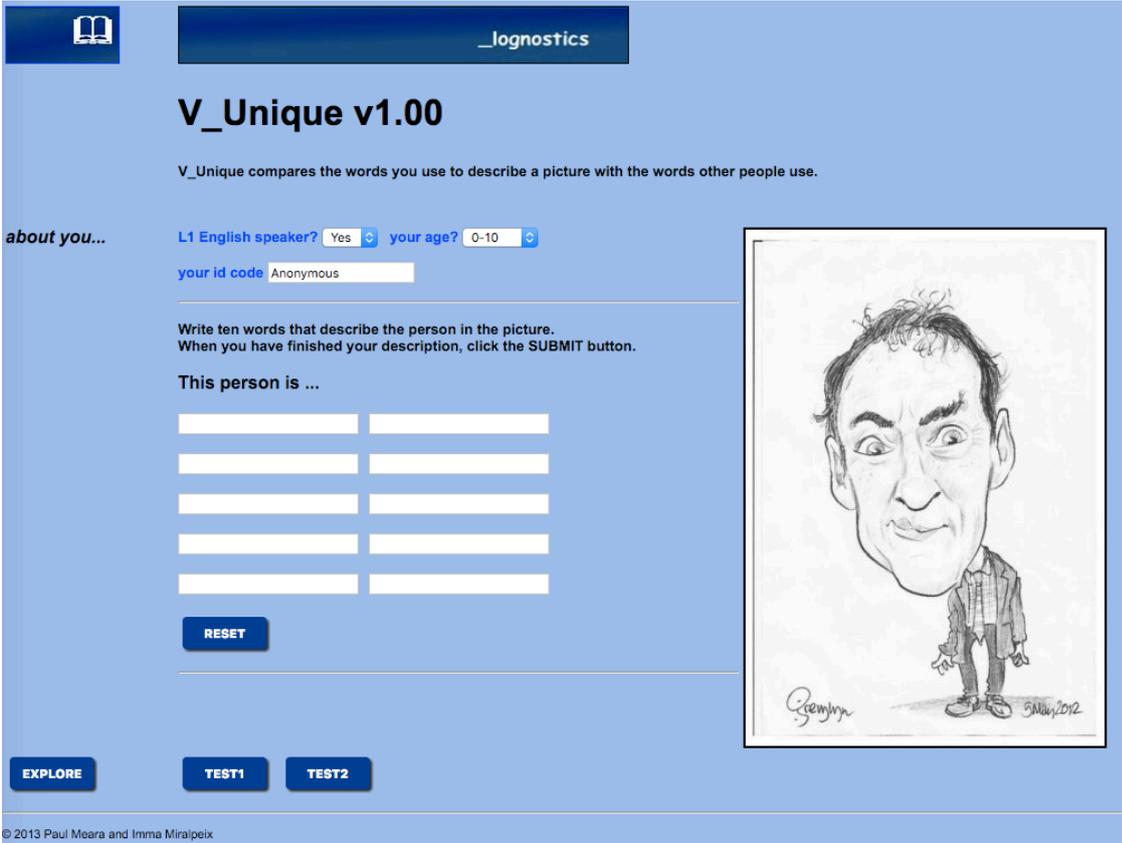
2. The 'about you' section asks you to provide an ID code and some further information about yourself. The ID code can be any combination of letters and numbers.

3. The program asks you to provide ten words that best describe the person that appears in the picture on the right of the screen.

4. When you finish providing all the words, you will be able to compare your words with those provided by 100 NSs (**Test1** button), 100 upper-intermediate/advanced learners (**Test2** button) or all the other people who have taken the test so far (**Explore** button).

Note that you will **not** get consistent results for a dataset submitted in Explore Mode. Since the stored dataset keeps on growing and changing, the average number of matches will change. As the stored dataset gets larger, the results will become more stable, but they will still be subject to some fluctuation.

5. V_Unique generates a report that looks like the figure on the next page.
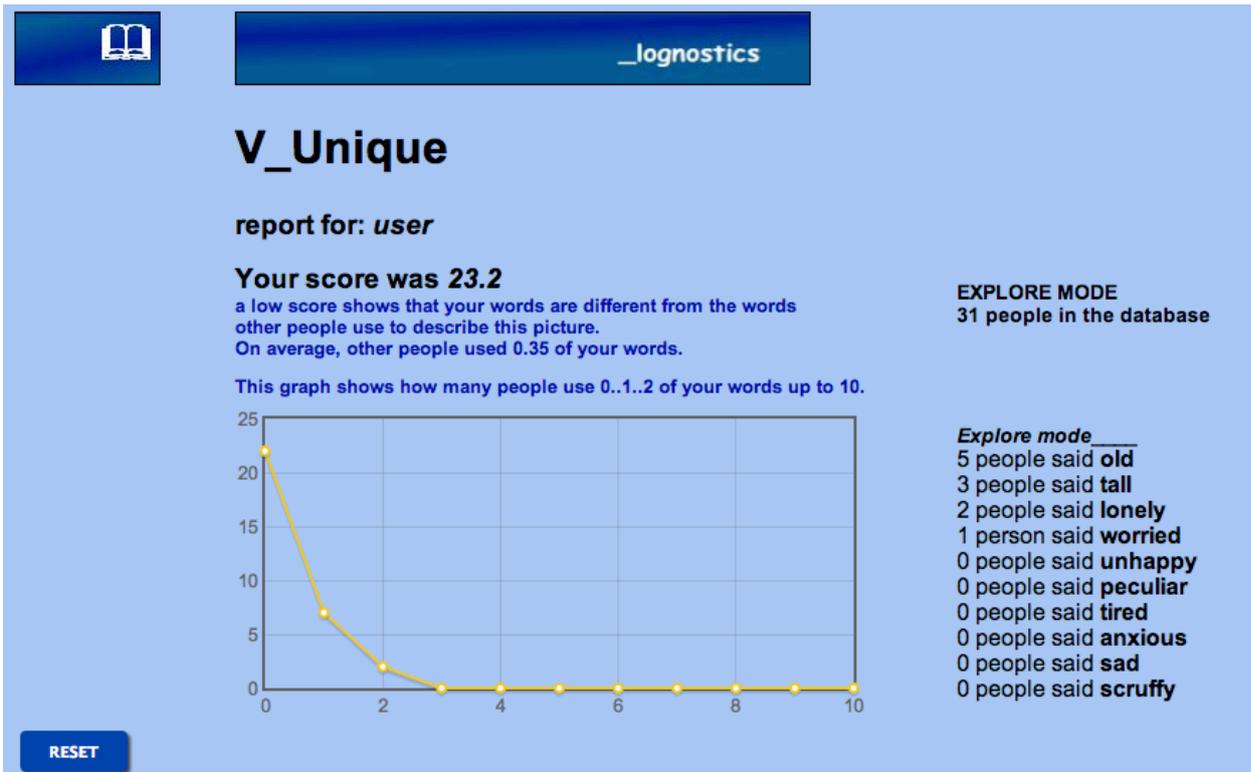
6. The report gives you different kinds of information:

- Your score: Meara and Miralpeix (2017) explain in detail how the score is calculated and list some cautions to bear in mind if you are using this data in a research study.
- The number of people that have previously taken the test.
- The average number of words you provided that were also used by other people.
- A list of the words you provided, with the number of people that have previously used each of these words.
- A graph: showing how many people use 0, 1, 2… of your 10 words.

Background reading:

Tzima, F.E. and Miralpeix, I. (2015) Lexical originality: Towards new forms of assessment. In P.M. Meara and I. Miralpeix (2017) *Tools for Researching Vocabulary*. Bristol: Multilingual Matters.