**Research Participant Information and Consent Form**

You are being asked to participate in a research study. Researchers are required to provide a consent form to inform you about the research study, to convey that participation is voluntary, to explain risks and benefits of participation, and to empower you to make an informed decision. You should feel free to ask the researchers any questions you may have.

**Study Title:** Email Decipher

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**1. PURPOSE OF RESEARCH**

* You are being asked to participate in a research study assessing the extent to which the content of short messages matches a provided definition.
* You have been selected as a possible participant in this study because the research applies to all adults regardless of age, gender, occupation, etc. You must be at least 18 years old to participate.

**2. WHAT YOU WILL DO**

* If you agree to participate in this study, the researcher will ask you to
  + Respond to a variety of questions.
* Your participation in this study will take about 30 minutes.

**3. POTENTIAL BENEFITS**

* You will be given 0.5 research credit as compensation for your time.

**4. POTENTIAL RISKS**

* There are no foreseeable risks associated with participation in this study.

**5. PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

* The data you provide will remain confidential. The data collected for this research study will be protected on a password-protected computer for a minimum of three years after the close of the project. Only the appointed researchers and the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) will have access to the research data.
* Your confidentiality will be protected to the maximum extent allowable by law.
* You will need to provide identifying information about yourself to be given credit for participation. In addition, the survey website captures IP addresses. However, all identifying information (including IP addresses) will be removed by the investigator once compensation has been provided. Once this happens, the data will be anonymous and you will be unable to be identified.
* The course instructors will never have access to your data, beyond knowing that you participated so they can grant credit.

**6. YOUR RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE, SAY NO, OR WITHDRAW**

* Participation is voluntary. Refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You may discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.
* Whether you choose to participate or not will have no affect on your grade or evaluation.
* You have the right to say no.
* You may choose not to answer specific questions or to stop participating at any time.

**7. COSTS AND COMPENSATION FOR BEING IN THE STUDY**

* You will earn 0.5 research credit for participating in this study.

**8. CONTACT INFORMATION**

* If you have any questions or concerns about this study, you may contact the researchers at:

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* If you have questions or concerns about your role and rights as a research participant, would like to obtain information or offer input, or would like to register a complaint about this study, you may contact, anonymously if you wish, the Michigan State University's Human Research Protection Program at 517-355-2180, Fax 517-432-4503, or e-mail irb@msu.edu or regular mail at 4000 Collins Rd, Suite 136, Lansing, MI 48910.

**9. INFORMED CONSENT**

* Proceeding to the next screen indicates that I have read and understood the information provided above, and that I willingly agree to participate in this research study.