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School of

Psychology

**Information Form**

**Study title and researchers' details**

Title: *How do familiarity and emoticon use influence irony processing following rapid serial visual presentation: an investigation of accuracy.*

Researchers: Desislava Arabadzhiyska; Dr. Christoph Scheepers (supervisor)

*You are being invited to participate in a research study, that is part of a postgraduate project. It is important for you to understand why the research is being conducted and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and do not hesitate to ask questions if you need more information.*

**What is the purpose of the study?**

The present project will examine how familiarity and the use of emoticons affect the accuracy of understanding ironic statements.

**Do I have to take part?**

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You may withdraw at any point without having to provide a reason to the researchers.

**What will participation involve?**

In this experiment, you will be asked to read 128 sets of 3 sentences each, which will be presented to you rapidly, one word at a time. After reading each set of sentences, you will be asked to answer a Yes/No comprehension question related to what you have just read.

**What is the device involved?**

You will only be exposed to a computer screen where the stimuli will be presented and you will give your responses using the computer mouse.

**What are the possible risks/side effects of taking part?**

There are no known or foreseeable risks or side effects associated with this experiment.

**What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

This experiment is not intended to have diagnostic value or health benefits. However, you will have the pleasure of knowing that you have made a contribution to our understanding of the irony processing.

**What will happen to the results of the research study?**

All results will be kept confidential and secure. It will only be accessible to the researchers conducting the study. Participants’ anonymity will be assured by only referring to subject numbers during analysis.

**Who can I contact if I want more information?**

If you wish for more information about the study and/or a summary of the anonymised group results, please feel free to contact us via email at:

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