

Informed Consent

Invitation to Take Part

You are being invited to take part in a research study to further our understanding of human psychology. Thank you for carefully reading this information sheet. This study is being conducted by Dr Dominique Makowski from School of Psychology, University of Sussex, who is happy to be contacted (D.Makowski@sussex.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

Why have I been invited and what will I do?

The goal is to investigate how our brains can unconsciously adapt and shape our perception to achieve desired goals. You will be asked to complete a series of exercises using your imagination, perform some tasks where we will measure how fast and accurately you can perceive small visual differences and some questionnaires. The whole experience will take **about 50 minutes** to complete. Please make sure you are in a quiet environment, on a computer (the experiment is not mobile-friendly), and that you have time to complete it in one go.

What will happen to the results and my personal information?

The results of this research may be written into a scientific publication. Your anonymity will be ensured in the way described in the consent information below. Please read this information carefully and then, if you wish to take part, please acknowledge that you fully understood this sheet, and that you consent to take part in the study as it is described here.

Consent

- I understand that by signing below I am agreeing to take part in the University of Sussex research described here, and that I have read and understood this information sheet.
- I understand that my participation is entirely voluntary, that I can choose not to participate in part or all the study, and that I can withdraw at any stage without having to give a reason and without being penalised in any way (e.g., if I am a student, my decision whether or not to take part will not affect my grades).
- I understand that since the study is anonymous, it will be impossible to withdraw my data once I have completed and submitted the test/questionnaire.
- I understand that my personal data will be used for the purposes of this research study and will be handled in accordance with Data Protection legislation. I understand that the University's Privacy Notice provides further information on how the University uses personal data in its research.
- I understand that my collected data will be stored in a de-identified way. De-identified data may be made publicly available through secured scientific online data repositories.

For further information about this research, or if you have any concerns, please contact Dr Dominique Makowski (D.Makowski@sussex.ac.uk). This research has been approved (XX/XXX/X) by the ethics board of the School of Psychology. The University of Sussex has insurance in place to cover its legal liabilities in respect of this study.