**CONSENT TO TAKE PART IN RESEARCH**

**Title of Research:** Intonational Development in Spanish Learners

**Principal Investigator:** Robert Esposito

The information in this consent form will provide more details about the research and what will be asked of you if you choose to take part in it. If you have any questions now or during the research, if you choose to take part, you should feel free to ask them and should expect to be given answers you completely understand. After your questions have been answered and you wish to take part in the research, you will be asked to sign this consent form. You are not giving up any of your legal rights by agreeing to take part in this research or by signing this consent form.

**Who is conducting this research?**

Robert Esposito is the Principal Investigator of this research. A Principal Investigator has the overall responsibility for the conduct of the research. However, there are often other individuals who are part of the research team. Robert Esposito may be reached at [rme70@rutgers.edu](mailto:rme70@rutgers.edu).

**Why is this research being done?**

This research is meant to investigate how learners of Spanish learn to perceive intonation, the melody of the language.

**Who may take part in this research and who may not?**

Native adult English speakers from the US Northeast who began learning Spanish after the age of 12 and who are not proficient in a language other than English and Spanish.

**Why have I been asked to take part in this research?**

You are being asked to participate in this experiment because you are an English native speaker who is learning Spanish.

**How long will the research take and how many participants will take part?**

A maximum of 300 individuals will be included in this study. You will contribute approximately 20 minutes of your time to this study in total. The entire data collection process will last approximately six months.

**What will I be asked to do if I take part in this research?**

If you choose to participate in this study, you will listen to brief phone conversations between native speakers of Spanish, and then complete three tasks. First, you will listen to Spanish sentences and determine if it is a question or not. Then, you will complete the LexTALE, an assessment of Spanish proficiency where you must determine if a presented word is a real Spanish word or not. Finally, you will complete the Empathy Quotient, an assessment that measures empathy through a series of statements that you rate on as cale of “strongly disagree” to “strongly agree”.

**What are the risks of harm or discomforts I might experience if I take part in this research?**

If you take part in this research, you will not be exposed to any risks of harm or discomfort that go beyond those experienced in everyday life.

**Are there any benefits to me if I choose to take part in this research?**

This experiment does not present direct benefits to you. However, you will be contributing to the scientific body of research on Spanish learners, which may help to improve Spanish teaching methodologies.

**What are my alternatives if I do not want to take part in this research?**

Your alternative is not to take part in this research.

**How will I know if new information is learned that may affect whether I am willing to stay in the research?**

Once you have completed participation in this study, you will not be contacted further.

**Will there be any cost to me to take part in this research?**

There are no costs to participate in this research.

**Will I be paid to take part in this research?**

You will be paid $3.14 for your participation.

**How will information about me be kept private or confidential?**

Any information that is shared will assign your responses a unique, random identifier that cannot be linked to you.

**What will happen to my information—data and/or recordings—collected for this research after the research is over?**

Information collected for this research may be used for other research we conduct without obtaining additional informed consent from you.

**What will happen if I do not wish to take part in the research or if I later decide not to stay in the Research?**

It is your choice whether to take part in the research. You may choose to take part, not to take part or you may change your mind and withdraw from the research at any time. If you do not want to enter the research or decide to stop taking part, your relationship with the research staff will not change, and you may do so without penalty and without loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

You may also withdraw your consent for the use of data already collected about you, but you must do this in writing to Robert Esposito at [rme70@rutgers.edu](mailto:rme70@rutgers.edu) and provide your Prolific.com ID.

**Who Can I Contact If I Have Questions?**

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about the research, wish more information, you can contact the Principal Investigator: Robert Esposito at [rme70@rutgers.edu](mailto:rme70@rutgers.edu).

If you have questions, concerns, problems, information or input about the research or would like to know your rights as a research participant, you can contact the Rutgers IRB/Human Research Protection Program via phone at (973) 972-3608 or (732) 235-9806 OR via email [irboffice@research.rutgers.edu](mailto:irboffice@research.rutgers.edu), or you can write us at 335 George Street, Liberty Plaza Suite 3200, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.