

Listening to Accents

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Dear participant,

Listening proficiency is a crucial skill in second language acquisition, but it has been studied far less often than speaking, writing and reading. To fill this gap, we designed a survey that will provide us with some insight into the listening difficulties that students encounter when listening in English.

The survey consists of three parts: (i) a **questionnaire** about your (linguistic) background, (ii) a **listening exercise**, in which you will listen to eight audio fragments and answer some questions about those fragments, and (iii) a **transcription task**, in which you need to write down the sentence that you hear.

Completing the survey will take **± 30 minutes** and you will need **headphones** or **ears** to listen to the audio. Afterwards, you can register for a **€10 compensation**.

If you have any further questions about our study, please contact the principal investigator via email (firstname.name@ugent.be).

Many thanks!

The research team

Ghent University

Linguistics Department – English Section

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INFORMED CONSENT

I hereby consent to participate in a research project from the Linguistics Department (English Section) and declare that I am fully informed about:

1. the nature of the research project (i.e. information about the purpose of the study, the set of tasks that will be used and how these tasks contribute to the overall purpose of the project);
2. the fact that I participate voluntarily in this study;
3. the fact that I give consent to the experimenter to use my data and share my data in a repository, and the fact that I can withdraw my consent at any time, without having to give any reason, which means that my data will be removed from the data set;
4. the fact that deciding not to participate, or ending my participation, will not have any impact on my academic progress or any other adverse consequences;
5. the fact that all data will be anonymised;
6. the fact that I can register for a €10 compensation at the end of this survey in a separate survey, and that personal data and bank account details will be used for reimbursement purposes only and will be used strictly confidentially;
7. the fact that a summary of the results could be obtained on request.

- ☐ I agree with the terms and conditions of this study.
☐ I do not agree with the terms and conditions of this study.