**CONSENT TO TAKE PART IN A RESEARCH STUDY**

**TITLE OF STUDY:** Adult Language Processing

**Principal Investigator:** [Redacted], MD PhD

This consent form is part of an informed consent process for a research study and it will provide information that will help you decide whether you want to take part in this study. It is your choice to take part or not. After all of your questions have been answered and you wish to take part in the research study, you will be asked to sign this consent form. You will be given a copy of the signed form to keep. Your alternative to taking part in the research is not to take part in it.

**Who is conducting this research study and what is it about?**

You are being asked to take part in research conducted by [Redacted] who is a professor in the Dept. of Psychology and Center for Cognitive Science. The purpose of this study is to study how people produce and understand written and spoken language. We anticipate 300 subjects will take part in the research.

**What will I be asked to do if I take part?** In language comprehension tasks, you will read silently sentences or words, or you will listen to pre-recorded sentences or words. After each sentence or word, you will make a judgment about what you read or heard (e.g., Was the sentence grammatical?, Was it a question or a statement? Did it make sense? Did it contain nonsense words?, Was the word a real word), or you will indicate the meaning of what you read or heard (e.g., by answering a question about the sentence or word, by choosing a picture that matches the sentence or word, by defining or choosing the definition of the word). In language production tasks, you will read aloud or repeat words or sentences, describe pictures, or spell words. In these experiments, we will audiotape your voice so that we can determine the acoustical characteristics of your speech. You must agree to be audiotaped if you want to participate in language production tasks.

**What are the risks and/or discomforts I might experience if I take part in the study?**

There are no known risks or discomforts associated with this experiment. Breach of confidentiality is a risk of harm but a data security plan is in place to minimize such a risk. You may choose to skip any questions or withdraw from the study altogether. If you decide to quit at any time before you have finished the questionnaire, your answers will NOT be recorded.

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

There no direct benefits to you for taking part in this research. You will be contributing to knowledge about how people understand and produce language and may eventually aid in the diagnosis or remediation of language disorders.

**Will I be paid to take part in this study?** This experiment takes between 30 to 60 minutes. You will receive credit in one of your courses for participation in this experiment. If you are participating to earn Psychology 101 Research Participation Units (RPUs), you will receive ½ RPU for every 30 minutes you participate. If you choose to discontinue the experiment, you will receive extra credit on a pro-rated basis for the time you have spent.

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

All efforts will be made to keep your responses confidential, but total confidentiality cannot be guaranteed.

* We will not know your IP address when you respond to the online research. We will ask you to include your name, gender, age, native language, and other language(s) spoken when you complete the questionnaire. Your identifiable information will not be stored with your responses. Instead, your responses will be assigned a subject # which will be stored separately from your responses so others will not know which responses are yours. We will securely store the key code linking your responses to your identifiable information in a separate password protected file which will be destroyed after data analysis is complete and study findings are professionally presented or published.

No information that can identify you will appear in any professional presentation or publication.

**What will happen to information I provide in the research after the study is over?** After information that could identify you has been removed, de-identified responses may be used by or distributed to investigators for other research without obtaining additional informed consent from you. This may include posting aggregate datasets on a data repository such as the Open Science Framework (osf.io).

**What will happen if I do not want to take part or decide later not to stay in the study?**

Your participation is voluntary. If you choose to take part now, you may change your mind and withdraw later. In addition, you can choose to skip questions that you do not wish to answer. If you do not click on the ‘submit’ button after completing the form, your responses will not be recorded. You may also withdraw your consent for use of data you submit, but you must do this in writing to the PI [Redacted].

**Who can I call if I have questions?**

If you have questions about taking part in this study, you can contact the Principal Investigator: [Redacted], Department of Psychology and Center for Cognitive Science, [Redacted], [Redacted]

If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, you can contact the IRB Director at: the Arts and Sciences IRB [Redacted] or the [Redacted] Human Subjects Protection Program at [Redacted] or email us at [Redacted].

Please print out this consent form if you would like a copy of it for your files.

If you do not wish to take part in the research, close this website address. If you wish take part in the research, follow the directions below:

I acknowledge that I am 18 years of age or older and have read and understand the information. I agree to take part in the research, with the knowledge that I am free to withdraw my participation without penalty.

Subject Name (printed):

Subject’s Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Click on the "I Agree" button to confirm your agreement to take part in the research.

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**Addendum to Consent form for experiments that are audiotaped**

You have already agreed to participate in a research study entitled “Adult Language Processing”conducted by Professor [Redacted]. We are asking for your permission to allow us to audiotape you while you read words or sentences. You cannot participate in the experiment unless you agree to let us do so. Members of the research team will analyze the recordings. In addition, once identifying information has been removed, de-identified recordings may be used as a teaching tool for people who are not members of Professor [Redacted]’s research team (i.e., educational purposes), in professional talks and websites, or distributed to investigators for other research without obtaining additional informed consent from you. This may include posting aggregate datasets on a data repository such as the Open Science Framework (osf.io). The recording(s) will be kept under lock and key and no identifying information will appear on the recordings. Your name will be linked with a code that identifies you. The list containing the code will be kept under lock and key separate from the recordings.

Click on the "I Agree" button to confirm your agreement to be audio-recorded.

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