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# PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

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1. **Protocol title**  
Experimental and cross-linguistic investigations into syntactic phenomena
2. **Principal Investigator and co-investigator(s), if any, with the contact number and organization:**  
Dr. Zheng Shen (National University of Singapore, email: [zhengshen@nus.edu.sg](mailto:zhengshen@nus.edu.sg))
3. **What is the purpose of this research?**  
You are invited to participate in a research study. This information sheet provides you with information about the research study.

**Please download a copy of this information sheet for your own reference.**

Please read the information below and contact Zheng Shen, Principal Investigator (the person in charge of this research) about anything you don't understand before deciding whether or not to take part.

This study is being conducted to better understand the human language faculty, through the study of the grammar of various languages.

4. **Who can participate in the research? What is the expected duration of my participation? What is the duration of this research?**  
You must be at least 21 years old (or at least 18 years old, if a current student at the National University of Singapore) and be a native speaker of the language(s) listed in the advertisement for this study.

This study consists of only one session. The entire study usually can be completed in less than 30 minutes.

5. **What is the approximate number of research participants involved?**  
The maximum number of research participants involved is 3,000.

6. **What will be done if I take part in this research study?**  
You will be asked to read words or sentences and respond to what you have just read by pressing a key on the keyboard or clicking with a mouse. The number of words or sentences you will be asked to read is listed in the advertisement for this study.

If you agree to participate, you will also see more detailed instructions on the experiment website before you start the study.

7. **How will my privacy and the confidentiality of my research records be protected?**  
We will not collect any personal data (e.g. names and contact information) on this experiment website. In other words, all research data will be anonymous.

We might also acquire some personal information through other ways, e.g. for reimbursement purposes. However, we will not be associating any participant names with their data. If necessary, personal information like names will be

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stored separately in a list format to record who has participated, so that no one participates in the same study twice. All personal information acquired will be destroyed when the study is complete.

All data collected will be kept in accordance with NUS's University's Research Data Management Policy. Research data used in any publication will be kept for a minimum of 10 years before being discarded.

**8. What are the possible discomforts and risks for participants?**

There are no known risks associated with this study. Participants however might experience some fatigue.

**9. What is the compensation for any injury?**

There is no likelihood of injury in this study nor associated compensation.

**10. Will there be reimbursement for participation?**

There is no cost to you for participation. The value of compensation has been listed in the recruitment advertisement for the experiment.

**11. What are the possible benefits to me and to others?**

There is no direct benefit to you by participating in this research study. However, this study will increase our knowledge of the human language faculty and may one day aid in the development of treatments of language disorders.

**12. Can I refuse to participate in this research?**

Yes, you can. Your decision to participate in this research study is voluntary and completely up to you. You can also simply close the browser window to withdraw from the research at any time without giving any reasons. There is no need to inform the principal investigator about your decision.

**13. Whom should I call if I have any questions or problems?**

Please contact the Principal Investigator, Dr. Zheng Shen by **email** ([zhengshen@nus.edu.sg](mailto:zhengshen@nus.edu.sg)) for all research-related matters.

For an independent opinion regarding the research and the rights of research participants, you may contact a staff member of the National University of Singapore Institutional Review Board (Attn: Dr Chan Tuck Wai, at telephone (+65) 6516 1234 or email at [irb@nus.edu.sg](mailto:irb@nus.edu.sg)).