
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

1. Protocol title

Sentence processing in bilinguals

2. Principal Investigator and co-investigator(s), if any, with the contact number and organization:

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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. The Principal Investigator (the person in charge of this research) or his/her representative will also describe this research to you and answer all of your questions. Read the information below and ask questions about anything you don't understand before deciding whether or not to take part. This study is being conducted to better understand how bilinguals comprehend or produce sentences.

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 aged at least 18 years old (or 21 years old, if you are not an NUS student), a native English speaker and a fluent Mandarin Chinese speaker, brought up in Singapore (primary and secondary education in Singapore at least), and have a normal or corrected-to-normal vision. You cannot participate if you have any neurological or language disorder.

The study usually takes around 30 minutes in total.

5. What is the approximate number of research participants involved?

The maximum number of research participants involved is 1,000.

6. What will be done if I take part in this research study?

You will be asked to read sentence fragments and complete them using what you think is a likely continuation.

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?

The experiment will not record any personal data (e.g., names and contact information). Thus, all research data will be anonymous. We might acquire some personal information through other ways, e.g., for reimbursement purposes. However, we will not be associating any participant names with their research data. If necessary, personal information like names will be 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. Only the principal investigator and co-investigator(s) have your personal data (e.g., names and contact information) and this will not be released to any other person.

All research data collected will be kept in accordance with the 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?

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, the knowledge gained about bilingual sentence processing may aid in the development or improvement of language learning methods.

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 withdraw from the research at any time without giving any reasons, by informing the principal investigator and all your data collected will be discarded.

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

Please contact the Principal Investigator, Dr. Aine Ito at **telephone (+65 6516 6042)** and email (aine.ito@nus.edu.sg) for all research-related matters.

For an independent opinion specifically regarding the rights and welfare of research participants, you may contact a staff member of the National University of Singapore Institutional Review Board at telephone (+65) 6516 1234 [Mondays to Thursdays from 8.30am to 6pm, and Fridays from 8.30am to 5.30pm, except public holidays] or email at irb@nus.edu.sg.