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The consent for that you will read to your subjects has to contain the same information that a written consent form has. The one you gave us is incomplete. If there are risks, you need to tell them what they are. Issues of confidentiality, and where you will keep your recording, and who will have access to them are important to assure that you have given plenty of tought to their welfare and how they are protected. It will help you more than perhaps them, because you can show how much you take into consideration their feelings, emotions etc

*I updated my oral consent form by following the guidelines, listed on Texas State’s IRB website, for written consent forms. I already included the risks. I addressed the issues of confidentiality by explaining to my participants that my notes will be kept in my computer and in English. I will have access to them as well as my graduate committee and Texas State University. Additionally, I will not be using their real name in my study.*

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Oral consent needs to include a statement to the effect of, "If you become uncomfortable at any time in the talk, you may stop the talk. If you decide at any time you do not want to be part of the research, you may ask for your story back, and I will give it to you. I will keep your story for (How long). I will use your story for (explain about school, and will you try to publish it?)."

I think you did a good job of converting most of the consent into laypeople's language.

*I added that if my participants, at any point, felt uncomfortable they do not need to participate in my interview. Additionally, if they want to stop their participation with my project, then I will give their interviews back to them, and I will not use their words in my research. Also, after my stay in the community I will give them a copy of the interviews. I said that I will keep their interviews in my computer, and I will eventually try to publish a paper.*