

# RESEARCH CONSENT

**Title of Research:** Evaluating computer generated language

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**Purpose of the research:** This research will investigate whether a computer model can generate text that is deemed acceptable by humans.

**What is involved in participating:** Your task includes completing a questionnaire judging the quality of texts. For every question, you will select the option as per your best judgement.

**Compensation:** CAD 1.02

**Time Commitment:** 6 minutes

**Participation Requirement:** You must be a native english speaker.

**Confidentiality:** All of your results will be kept confidential.

**Your rights:** Your participation is entirely voluntary and you can choose to decline to answer any question by withdrawing from the survey at any point without penalty of any form.

No other person or organization will have access to your personal information as the data will be coded and stored in such a way to make it impossible to identify individual participants.

Once the survey is submitted, you will not be able to request that the data be removed from subsequent analyses, since the data is collected anonymously.

All of your responses will be completely confidential, as your name and any identifying information will not be stored as part of the research. Only the researchers working on this project (Pro00112093) will have access to the provided information. The data will be stored on reliable servers like those of Google, Qualtrics and Amazon Mechanical Turk. The information you provide may be presented at professional conferences or published in academic journals, however no identifying data will be used. In addition, the data from this study may be used in future research, however any future projects will be approved by the Research Ethics Board prior to analysis.

**Benefits and Risks:** While this research can potentially contribute to our understanding of computer text generation, there is no significant direct benefit to you. However, you will be thinking rationally about English sentences, and this might help you in real life tasks (like interpreting rules and regulations). You may feel mentally tired, or emotionally stressed during the study, however you are free to take a break anytime you want. You may also be presented with questions which might seem offensive to you, inadvertently as the text is computer generated. There are no foreseeable risks to this study.

By participating in this experiment, you are directly contributing to the advancement of the science of computer text generation.

If you would like any additional information, feel free to contact Dr. Alona Fyshe at [alona@ualberta.ca](mailto:alona@ualberta.ca). The plan for this study has been reviewed for its adherence to ethical guidelines by a Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta. If you have any questions about, or wish to clarify, your rights as a research participant, you can contact the Research Ethics Office at (780) 492 2615.

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To confirm that you have read the above information and agree to participate in the study, please toggle the radio button to "Agree". If you disagree, please discontinue with the survey.