**Instructions**

Thank you for participating!

The experiment you are about to take part in is a pilot study, primarily aimed at testing our setup using two fMRI scanners. Your task will be to improvise stories jointly with someone else while you are both in the scanner. The experiment will not be longer than 2 hours.

First you will be asked to perform a practice trial, outside the scanners. The purpose of the practice trial is to make you familiar with the task. After that there will be two trials in the scanner. There will be 15 minutes for each story. Following the story-building phase of each trial, we will also ask you to re-tell it again the way you remember it.

You will be asked to build the stories together with someone else. The two of you will take 30 seconds long turns in developing the story. That means that in each turn, one of you will continue the story, adding new events and developing the plot in a way he/she wants. However, you are also asked to respect the other’s contributions, as the story should remain a coherent one.

At the beginning of each story, you will be given a central theme. These are very generally worded, and leave almost everything to you to fill in. Do not worry about following these themes strictly. If the story develops in another direction, it is fine.

We will record the stories, but will only use your voice recordings for group-level, anonymous data analysis. We might use the transcripts for examples but only in an anonymized fashion.

While performing the task in the scanner, it is important that you try and not move your body or head beyond the minimum required for speech. Unfortunately, our recordings are very susceptible to motion.

Importantly: try to enjoy the task. Feel free to be creative and don’t worry too much about how the story is developing. If you have an idea, try to build on it. There are no “good” or “bad” stories here; anything that comes to mind can be useful to developing the plot.

Even after your participation, feel free to contact us at any time if you have further questions:

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