The following information is provided to inform you about the research project and your participation in it. Please read this form carefully. If you have any questions, you can contact Duane Watson at 615-875-8083, or via email at duane.g.watson@vanderbilt.edu. If you would like a copy of this consent form, please print it out or email duane.g.watson@vanderbilt.edu to ask for a copy.

Your participation in this research study is voluntary. You are also free to withdraw from this study at any time.

1. Purpose of the study:

The goal of this experiment is to find out something about how people understand and use language in different tasks.

2. Procedures to be followed and approximate duration of the study:

You will be asked to either manipulate or make judgements about objects on a computer display or in a virtual 3D environment. You may play a simple game with or against another participant.

You may be asked to read or listen to sentences, numbers, musical tunes, or stories. You may be asked to make judgments about them, repeat them, or recall them. You may be asked to judge how much you like a speaker. You may be asked to answer a questionnaire about your language experience. You may be asked to do these tasks either alone or with a partner. During the research session, your voice may be recorded.

While doing the above tasks, you may be asked to listen to noises on headphones.

This study will take no longer than an hour and you may be asked to complete an additional session.

You will have the opportunity to take breaks during the experiment.

3. Description of the discomforts, inconveniences, and/or risks that can be reasonably expected as a result of participation in this study:

This study may be inconvenient or boring.

- 4. Good effects that might result from this study:
 - The benefits to science and humankind that might result from this study.

These benefits include an improved understanding of language use.

b) The benefits you might get from being in this study.

There are no direct benefits to participants in this study.

5. Compensation for participation:

For completing the experiment, you will be compensated the amount specified in your invitation email.

6. What happens if you choose to withdraw from study participation:

If you do not complete the study, you will not receive payment.

7. Contact Information. If you should have any questions about this research study or possibly injury, please feel free to contact Duane Watson at 615-875-8083, or via email at duane.g.watson@vanderbilt.edu.

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For additional information about giving consent or your rights as a participant in this study, to discuss problems, concerns, and questions, or to offer input, please feel free to contact the Vanderbilt University Institutional Review Board Office at (615) 322-2918 or toll free at (866) 224-8273.

13. Confidentiality and Privacy:

All efforts, within reason, will be made to keep your personal information in your research record confidential but total confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. Your information may be shared with Vanderbilt or the government (e.g. Vanderbilt University Institutional Review Board and the Federal Government Office for Human Research Protections). We may also have to share your information if you or someone else is in danger or if we are required to do so by law. Vanderbilt may give or sell your data without identifiers for other research projects not listed in this form. There are no plans to pay you for the use or transfer of this de-identified information.

The sentences you produce may be played to future participants in the lab or on the Internet so that we can study how listeners process speech. However, your name and your information will not be associated with any of your recordings. Data will be retained for a minimum of 5 years and may be retained indefinitely.

STATEMENT BY PERSON AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY

By clicking the button below I am indicating that I have read this informed consent document and that I freely and voluntarily choose to participate.

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