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ADULT GENERAL CONSENT FORM

Dr. Caren Walker (Dept. of Psychology) is conducting a research study to find out more about how children and adults reason about and interpret cause-effect relationships in the world. You have been asked to participate to gather information about a mature set of causal reasoning skills. There will be approximately 7000 participants in this study.

If you agree to participate in this study you may be asked to do one of the following tasks:
1. causal reasoning tasks (i.e. figuring out the relationship between causes and effects)
2. social tasks (i.e. reasoning about other people's behavior or intentions)
3. imagination tasks (i.e. reasoning about events that could have occurred)
4. categorization tasks (i.e. sorting or labeling objects)
5. general cognitive tasks (i.e. assessments of verbal or reasoning skills)

In any of the above tasks, you may be asked to form judgments, make predictions, produce explanations, answer questions about events you observe, or perform actions on objects (such as grouping objects or activating a machine). Sometimes you might watch a short video clip, read a story, or look at pictures. We may also use an eye tracker while you are engaged in any of the above tasks. They eyetracker is entirely non-invasive – the device does not come into contact with you, as it will simply measure where your looking from its position mounted on a screen.

Participation in this research may involve some added risks or discomforts:
1. There exists a potential for the loss of confidentiality even though we make every effort to ensure confidentiality. When using video data from this experiment, we will never identify you by name.
2. Although we do not anticipate it, it is possible that you may find some questions uncomfortable. You may choose to refrain from answering any questions.

Study procedures typically take between 5 and 15 minutes, and will not likely exceed 30 minutes. If you are enrolled in a class that awards course credit or extra credit for participation in experiments, you will receive course credit or extra credit—but no money—in exchange for participation in this study. Following the experimental procedure, you will be thoroughly debriefed as to the specific hypotheses tested and the scientific implications for this research.

We aim to keep risk as minimal as possible. However, as with any investigation, there may be additional unknown risks. There may or may not be any direct benefit to you from participating in this study. However, your participation will contribute to a scientific understanding of the

development of human cognition. The alternative to participation in this study is to not participate. You will be informed of any significant new findings.

A member of the Early Learning & Cognition Lab has explained this study to you and answered your questions. If you have other questions, you may contact our lab at elclab@ucsd.edu or (858) 246-2434. You may reach Dr. Caren Walker at carenwalker@ucsd.edu. You may call the Human Research Protections Program Office at (858) 246-4777 to inquire about your rights as a research subject or to report research-related problems.

Participation in research is entirely voluntary. You may refuse to participate or to withdraw at any time without penalty. If you decide you no longer wish to continue with this study, you may stop participation and alert the researcher. The researcher may also terminate participation at any time if they believe it is in your best interests or in the best interests of the study. Research records will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law.

You have received a copy of this consent document.

You agree to participate.

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Signature   Date   Date of Birth

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