



University of Hawai'i
Consent to Participate in Research Project

Fred Zenker, Student Investigator

Project Title: Rating and Processing Sentences in a Second Language

My name is Fred Zenker, and I am a graduate student in the Department of Second Language Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I am doing this research project as part of the requirements for earning my graduate degree.

What are you being asked to do?

This experiment consists of a series of language tasks. If you decide to participate, you will be asked to do one or more of the following: (1) read/listen to sentences and answer questions about them, (2) read passages and fill in the missing letters/words, (3) read short passages or respond to a prompt while your voice is being recorded, (4) write short passages in response to a prompt, and (5) complete a short survey about your language background. If you are participating in our eye tracking task, your eye movements will be recorded while you read/listen to sentences. We expect that it will take no longer than 90 minutes to complete all the tasks.

Taking part in this study is your choice.

Your participation in this project is completely voluntary. You may stop participating at any time. If you decide to stop being in the study, there will be no penalty or loss to you.

Why is this study being done?

The purpose of this project is to investigate how people rate and process sentences in their first language and/or their second language.

What are the risks and benefits of taking part in this study?

I believe there is little risk to you for participating in this research project. If you become tired or uncomfortable during the experiment, you may take short breaks between the tasks. You also have the option of withdrawing from the project at any time, whether or not you have completed all the tasks.

There will be no direct benefit to you for participating in this experiment, but the results may help the investigators learn more about second language acquisition and processing. In the future, other people may benefit from this study through improved understanding of the human language faculty.

Privacy and Confidentiality:

All the information we gather will be stored in a safe location. My research team and I are the only ones who will have access to the information. Other agencies that have legal permission have the right to review research records. The University of Hawai'i Human Studies Program has the right to review research records for this study. The electronic data associated with this research will be maintained on a secure computer. When we report the results of this project, we will not use your name or any other personal identifying information. We will report our findings in a way that protects your privacy and confidentiality to the extent allowed by the law.



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Future Research Studies:

Identifiers will be removed from your identifiable private information and after removal of identifiers, the data may be used for future research studies or distributed to another investigator for future research studies and we will not seek further approval from you for these studies.

Questions:

If you have any questions about this study, please email me at fzenker@hawaii.edu. You may contact the University of Hawai'i Human Studies Program at (808) 956-5007 or uhirb@hawaii.edu to discuss problems, concerns and questions, obtain information, or offer input with an informed individual who is unaffiliated with the specific research protocol. Please visit <http://go.hawaii.edu/jRd> for more information on your rights as a research participant.

Participating in the experiment will be considered your consent to take part in this study.

Please keep a copy of this consent form for your records.

Thank you!