

Testing ordinary meaning Participant Information Sheet

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We would like to invite you to take part in our study. If anything is unclear or if you have any questions, then please contact us using the details above before deciding whether or not to take part.

What is the purpose of the study? We want to understand the 'ordinary' meaning of words, and our findings will have methodological implications for philosophers and scholars of law. A central case in the literature is about the meaning of the word 'vehicle' in certain contexts. By collecting your responses to this questionnaire we will be able to help clarify this debate.

Are there any inclusion or exclusion criteria? We request that only adults, that is persons aged 18 and over, participate in the study. You should participate only once.

What will I be asked to do? You will be presented with pairs of words and asked to indicate how much you consider each word to be the most typical example according to a provided prompt. You will complete 100 such pairings. After that, your participation is complete.

Once I take part, can I change my mind? If you start and change your mind you can withdraw by simply closing the browser. Once you have submitted your response you can no longer withdraw because your responses are fully anonymised.

How long will it take? You should expect the task to take about 10 minutes.

Will any personal information will be collected from me? No, we will only collect your responses to the 100 pairings of words.

I have some more questions; who should I contact? The main researcher, Dr Ian Jones, at the contact details above

What if I am not happy with how the research was conducted? If you are not happy with how the research was conducted, please contact the Secretary of the Ethics Review

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