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### INFORMATION SHEET FOR EXEMPT RESEARCH

**STUDY TITLE:** lan's Screening Project

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You are invited to participate in a research study. Your participation is voluntary. This document explains information about this study. You should ask questions about anything that is unclear to you.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this study is to investigate how individuals produce and comprehend language. We hope to learn about how words and sentences are created and how the properties of language impact that creation. You are invited as a possible participant because you are a native speaker of American-English with normal/corrected-to-normal vision and hearing.

### PARTICIPANT INVOLVEMENT

If you volunteer to participate in this study, we would ask you to do the following: You would be asked to do simple tasks, such as listen to or read sentences or words, look at pictures and/or video clips on the computer screen, and provide responses, e.g., answer questions, produce/say sentences out loud, click on a picture, move the mouse or press a button. In some versions of the study, you will be asked to fill out standardized questionnaires (e.g. to rate how well different statements apply to you.) The total duration would be approximately 15 minutes.

If you decide to take part, you will be asked to complete simple tasks that will help us learn more about language.

#### PAYMENT/COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPATION

You will be compensated \$10 per hour of participation (\$5 for 30 minutes or less, \$2.50 for 15 minutes or less).

#### CONFIDENTIALITY

The members of the research team, and the University of Southern California Institutional Review Board (IRB) may access the data. The IRB reviews and monitors research studies to protect the rights and welfare of research subjects.

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When the results of the research are published or discussed in conferences, no identifiable information will be used. Your identifiable information will not be linked to your responses. Only members of the research team will have access to the data associated with this study. The data will be stored in the Principal Investigator's lab or office indefinitely, and may be used in future research studies and/or shared with other researchers. If you do not want your data used or shared in future studies, you should not participate in this study.

This study is conducted on Amazon Mechanical Turk and it adheres to Amazon's MTurk Privacy Policy. To understand the privacy and confidentiality limitations associated with using MTurk, we strongly advise you to familiarize yourself with Amazon's privacy policies (<a href="https://www.mturk.com/mturk/privacynotice">https://www.mturk.com/mturk/privacynotice</a>).

#### **INVESTIGATOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

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#### IRB CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the University of Southern California Institutional Review Board at (323) 442-0114 or email irb@usc.edu.

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