



Linguistics & English Language
University of Edinburgh

Consent for Participation in Experiments, Data Use, and Data Storage

Study title: Language learning task

Principal investigator: Simon Kirby

Researcher collecting current data: Jon Carr

Nature of the study: You are about to participate in a study which involves learning a simple language consisting of words for different shapes. Your session should last around 20 minutes. You will be given full instructions shortly.

Compensation: You will be paid \$3 for your participation in this study, plus an additional bonus of 2¢ for every correct answer.

Risks and benefits: There are no known risks to participation in this study. Other than the payment mentioned, the only benefits to you personally are those you draw from making a contribution to our knowledge about language and its use.

Confidentiality: The data we collect will not be associated with your name or with any other personal details that might identify you.

Voluntary participation and right to withdraw: Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time and for any reason. If you withdraw from the study during or after data gathering, we will not be able to pay you. If you choose to withdraw afterwards, please use the contact information below, we will delete your data and there will be no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

Contact information: This research is being conducted by the above-listed researchers at the University of Edinburgh. The researchers can be contacted at j.w.carr@ed.ac.uk for questions or to report a research-related problem. Contact the Linguistics & English Language Ethics committee at lel.ethics@ed.ac.uk if you have concerns regarding your rights as a participant in the research.

If you have any questions about what you've just read, please feel free to ask them now.

Thank you for your help!

By accepting this task, you consent to the following:

1. I understand that **my name and personal details** will not be made public under any circumstances.
2. I agree that the anonymized data I produce may be **kept permanently** in Edinburgh University archives and **made freely available online**.
3. I agree that the anonymized data I produce **may be used by the above-named researchers, as well as by other qualified researchers, for teaching or research purposes, and in professional presentations and publications**.
4. I understand that I have the **right to terminate this session** at any point. If I choose to **withdraw after completing the study**, my data will be deleted at that time.