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## CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

### *Processing speech and language*

**Introduction and Purpose.** My name is Keith Johnson. I am a professor at the University of California, Berkeley, in the Department of Linguistics. I am planning to conduct a research study, which I invite you to take part in. The purpose of this study is to better understand how people process speech and language.

**Procedures.** If you agree to be in this study, you will be presented with audio or video clips of people talking and you will be asked for a short response to each. Then, you will be asked to complete a short survey about yourself. A screen shot of the questionnaire is attached at the bottom of this document. The study should take no more than 30 minutes to complete.

**Benefits.** There is no direct benefit to you anticipated from participating in this study. It is hoped that the research will improve our understanding of speech communication.

**Risks/Discomforts.** It is possible that some of the research questions may make you uncomfortable or upset. You are free to decline to answer any questions you don't wish to, or to stop participating at any time. As with all research, there is a chance that confidentiality could be compromised; however, we are taking precautions to minimize this risk.

**Confidentiality.** Your study data will be handled as confidentially as possible. If results of this study are published or presented, individual names and other personally identifiable information will not be used. Your name will never be associated with data you provide – you will be assigned an anonymous subject number, and we will not retain your MTurk or Prolific ID in our data files. To minimize the risks to confidentiality, I will not retain any identifiable information.

When the research is completed, I may save your responses. I will retain this study information indefinitely. The same measures described above will be taken to protect confidentiality of this study data.

If you agree to participate, please note that the data you provide may be collected and used by Amazon/Prolific as per their privacy agreements. Additionally, if you are under the age of 18, please do not participate in this research.

**Compensation.** This study contains a number of checks to make sure that participants are finishing the tasks honestly and completely. As long as you read the instructions and complete the tasks, your work will be approved. If you fail these checks, your work will be rejected.

In return for your time, you will be paid the equivalent of \$15/hour for taking part in this study (based on a fair estimate of the time it will take to complete the task).

**Participation in research is completely voluntary.** You are free to decline to take part in the project. You can decline to answer any questions and are free to stop taking part in the project at any time. Whether or not you choose to participate, to answer any particular question, or continue participating in the project, there will be no penalty to you or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

**Questions** If you have any questions or concerns about this study, you may contact me at [keithjohnson@berkeley.edu](mailto:keithjohnson@berkeley.edu). If you have any questions or concerns about your rights and treatment as a research subject, you may contact the office of UC Berkeley's Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, at 510-642-7461 or [subjects@berkeley.edu](mailto:subjects@berkeley.edu).

If you agree to take part in this study, please select “yes” on the experiment web page.

----- Here is a screen shot of the questionnaire -----

### Questionnaire.

1. How old are you?  What is your gender?

2. What is your race/ethnicity?

3. Do you have siblings? ☐ yes ☐ no

4. When did you begin using English in your daily life?

5. What other languages can you use to converse with other people?

*If more than one list them in the order of your comfort or proficiency from most to least.*

6. What type of job do you have?

*Students: what are you aiming for? Retired: what did you do?*