



Adult Consent to Participate in Research

The purpose of this form is to provide you with information about taking part in a research study. If you have any questions, please ask us – you can call us at 858-534-7713 or email us at MaDlab@ucsd.edu.

Taking part in this study is up to you. If you decide to take part in this study, we will ask you to complete this form. Our research team is the Mind and Development Lab, and the person in charge of this study is Prof. Adena Schachner – you can reach her at schachner@ucsd.edu.

Why is this study being done? Prof. Adena Schachner is conducting this study to find out more about adults' understanding of the social and physical world. The study explores how we reason about social things, like faces or actions, and non-social things, like objects or natural events. How do we use our abstract knowledge of the social world to represent and categorize events, people, and objects? How are these mental concepts structured? How does our reasoning about the meaning of social and physical events inform our decisions?

You have been asked to participate in this study because we are currently investigating adult reasoning. Over several years, this study will include approximately 5,000 participants in the online version of this study and 8,000 participants total.

How long will this study take? Your participation will involve just one session, which may take up to 1 hour.

What will happen if I take part in this study? In this research study, you will participate in one or more short activity on a computer. For example, you may be asked to sort objects into categories, interact with a game, or answer questions about objects, videos or events you have seen.

Study Participation and Withdrawal. Taking part in this study is your choice. You are free not to take part or to withdraw at any time for any reason. No matter what you decide, there will be no penalty or loss of any benefit to which you are entitled. If you decide to withdraw from this study, the information that you have already provided will be kept confidential.

If you later decide that you do not want the data that has been collected from your participation to be used for future research purposes, you may notify Prof. Adena Schachner, and she will make her best effort to stop any additional data use for studies. However, in some cases, if your data has been deidentified, she may be unable to locate and stop such future usage of this data.

What are the risks of taking part in this study? The study does not involve any risks or discomforts beyond those experienced in everyday life. There is a risk of becoming bored, but we try to avoid this by designing tasks to be engaging, and keeping sessions short in length. As with any study, there is a risk of loss of confidentiality, so we take many steps to ensure that the records of this study and your participation are kept confidential. Since this is an investigational

study there may be some unknown risks that are currently unforeseeable. You will be informed of any significant new findings.

How will you keep my study records confidential? We will keep the records of this study confidential by storing them on our secure and password protected server, on a password-protected computer in a locked room, and/or in a locked cabinet; by identifying participants by ID codes rather than names; and by allowing nobody other than laboratory personnel access to research materials. Publications and conference presentations of the data will not identify individuals and will present results of the group as a whole.

Are there any benefits of being in this study? You may enjoy learning about this research on cognition. Your participation will increase knowledge of how adults understand and reason about their social and physical environment.

Will I be paid for taking part in this study? You will receive course credit through the SONA system for your participation. You will receive 0.5 credit for a study session lasting 30 minutes or less, and 1 credit for a study session lasting between 30 minutes and 1 hour.

What will it cost me to take part in this study? Aside from time, there are no known costs to you for participating in this research study.

If I have any questions or concerns about this study, who can I talk to? If you have questions or concerns regarding this research, either now or at any time in the future, please feel free to contact our research team (858-534-7713 or MaDlab@ucsd.edu) or Prof. Adena Schachner (schachner@ucsd.edu). You may also obtain information about your rights as a research participant by contacting the Human Research Protections Program Office at 858-246-4777.

Statement of Consent

I have read the information in this consent form, including risks and possible benefits. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions, and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I have been given a copy of this form, or given the opportunity to print or save a copy of this electronic form.

☐ I agree to participate in the study.