

Consent Form

Purpose and Procedures: This study is intended to assess the efficacy of various acoustic perceptual training techniques on an iPhone application for adult learners of Polish as a second language. If you agree to take part in this research as a learner of Polish as a foreign language, you will be asked to complete the study's training programme, which consists in 2 testing sessions and 8 training sessions on the study's iPhone app. This involves completing a maximum of one session per day between July 4th and July 20th, 2015. Each session should take not more than 30 min to complete.

Voluntariness: Your participation to this research's recording sessions is voluntary. You may refuse to participate or discontinue participation without penalty or loss of the benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

Risks and Benefits: There are no known risks to participate in this study, apart from those associated with using a mobile application on an iPhone. Users should set their iPhone's sound volume to a comfortable level to prevent hearing loss. Because the mobile app makes use of patterns of flashing colors, individuals with epilepsy should use the app with caution.

In return for your participation, you will receive remuneration for completing the training programme and you will potentially benefit from a research-based training programme designed to improve your perception of Polish sounds which are typically difficult to distinguish for learners of Polish as a foreign language. Furthermore, your participation will help researchers and language teachers better understand some important phonological features of the Polish language and how to improve adult language learning from another language to Polish, or vice-versa.

Compensation: In return for your participation and completion of the study's 15-day perceptual training programme, you will receive a one-off payment of £40.

Confidentiality: Only the principal researcher will have access to research results associated with your identity. In the event of publication of this research, no personally identifying information will be disclosed. To make sure your participation is confidential, please do not provide any personally identifying information on the language questionnaire.

Who to Contact with Questions: Questions about this research study should be directed to the principal researcher and person in charge, Ms. Genevieve Mathis, or to her supervisor, Dr. Paul Iverson. They can be reached at genevieve.mathis.14@ucl.ac.uk.