

## **Participant Information Sheet for the project DEVCOM**

This is an inquiry about participation in a research project where the main purpose is to learn how people understand language and pictures in context. In this letter we will give you information about the purpose of the project and what your participation will involve.

### **Purpose of the project**

This project investigates people's intuitive reactions to presented linguistic stimuli. Specifically, we are interested in studying how a linguistic context interacts with a visual context during language comprehension.

### **Who is responsible for the research project?**

The study will be conducted by researchers at the The Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas (IFIKK) at the University of Oslo. The project is funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program under grant agreement no. 853211

### **Why are you being asked to participate?**

We want to understand how people understand their mother tongue. For this, it is crucial that monolingual native speakers of English participate. You have been asked to participate because you are a registered user of Prolific, and as such, Prolific has deemed that you meet the requirements to participate in our study.

### **What does participation involve for you?**

You will sit in front of the computer and we will ask you to hear or read linguistic and non-linguistic (i.e. pictures and/or videos) stimuli. The experiment will last between 5 and 20 minutes.

### **If checked, you will be asked to:**

- ☒ Respond to the stimuli (manual or verbal).
- ☐ Complete questionnaires about the stimuli (e.g., recognition, memory, or multiple choice).
- ☐ Take simple tests and read aloud or quietly, spell, memorize, or define, or do grammar tests.
- ☒ Participate in simple tests and read or listen to one or more sentences and, if necessary, answer questions at the push of a button.
- ☒ Take simple tests and read or listen to one or more sentences and answer questions.
- ☒ Take simple tests and answer questions about handedness and language education in writing.



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**Your personal privacy – how we will store and use your personal data**

We will only use your personal data for the purpose(s) specified in this information letter. We will process your personal data confidentially and in accordance with data protection legislation (the General Data Protection Regulation and Personal Data Act).

The data collected by this experiment is saved on a secure server (TSD) of the University of Oslo after data collection has been completed. Data that is stored on the TSD server of the University of Oslo is anonymized and password-protected. They are not stored together with information that could help to relate the data to individual test subjects.

Only Assoc. Prof. Ingrid Lossius Falkum and her team members have access to the anonymized data. Falkum and her team members have no access to the personal data collected by Prolific, and no data collected in this experiment can be traced back to a specific person, since the online platform does not give out participants' private information. However, Prolific collects personal data such as IP address, or the date and time that our experiments were conducted, in accordance with Prolific's terms and conditions. Prolific has no access to the experimental data that we collect. You have already agreed that Prolific collects some personal data when you have signed your contract with Prolific. Further information can be found in the data protection regulations of Prolific.

Assoc. Prof. Ingrid Lossius Falkum and her team members are not responsible for contractual arrangements that are agreed between the test persons and Prolific regarding the processing of personal data. Access to the research data collected at the chair is restricted to Assoc. Prof. Ingrid Lossius Falkum and her team members. All employees involved have been obliged to fulfill their duty of confidentiality conscientiously. The data is processed exclusively at the Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas of the University of Oslo. The data will only be passed on by the researchers to third parties (such as scientific journals) in a completely anonymous, pre-processed form. Publications only take place with anonymous data that is untraceable in any way or form to individual participants in the study.

**What will happen to your personal data at the end of the research project?**

The project is scheduled to end in 2025. After the end of the project, all data will remain stored in the password-protected servers of the University of Oslo in fully anonymized form only.

**Your rights**

So long as you can be identified in the collected data, you have the right to:

- access the personal data that is being processed about you

- request that your personal data is deleted
- request that incorrect personal data about you is corrected/rectified
- receive a copy of your personal data (data portability), and
- send a complaint to the Data Protection Officer or The Norwegian Data Protection Authority regarding the processing of your personal data

### **What gives us the right to process your personal data?**

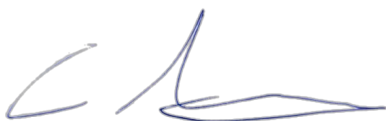
We will process your personal data based on your consent. Based on an agreement with the University of Oslo, NSD – The Norwegian Centre for Research Data AS has assessed that the processing of personal data in this project is in accordance with data protection legislation.

### **Where can I find out more?**

If you have questions about the project, or want to exercise your rights, contact:

- Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas of the University of Oslo via Ingrid Lossius Falkum ([i.l.falkum@ifikk.uio.no](mailto:i.l.falkum@ifikk.uio.no)) or Camilo Rodríguez Ronderos ([c.r.ronderos@ifikk.uio.no](mailto:c.r.ronderos@ifikk.uio.no))
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- NSD – The Norwegian Centre for Research Data AS, by email: ([personvertjenester@nsd.no](mailto:personvertjenester@nsd.no)) or by telephone: +47 55 58 21 17.

Yours sincerely,



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## Consent form

I have been informed about the planned investigation for the project by Assoc. Prof. Ingrid Lossius Falkum (responsible sponsor and head of the research project). I have read and understood the participation information sheet for the above project. I feel physically able to take part in the study.

My participation in the study is voluntary. There are no disadvantages for me if I do not participate in the study. It is clear to me that I can cancel the study at any time without any disadvantages. After completing the participation and submitting the survey responses, it is no longer possible to withdraw this consent because the researchers cannot assign my responses to my own person.

My survey data is only processed for the above-mentioned study and for no other purpose. The data will only be passed on to third parties for publication in a scientific journal in completely anonymous form. Publications will be listed on the group's homepage (<https://www.hf.uio.no/ifikk/english/research/projects/devcom/>). My original data will be archived after completion of the project in 2025.

I have read the Participant Information Sheet, I feel well-informed and understand what was stated in the Participant Information Sheet. I have had enough time to make my decision and received an electronic copy of this declaration of consent and the subject's information sheet about the research project. I agree that my data will be processed as described in the Participant Information Sheet and that the individual data sets (demographic information such as age and gender as well as the experimentally collected data) will be linked.

I hereby declare that I am over 18 years old.

By clicking on 'continue' I voluntarily agree to participate in the planned investigation and give consent for my personal data to be processed until the end date of the project, approx. 31.08.2025