

# Instructions

We are doing a research about the span of working memory. The experiment consists of two tests, during which you are asked to recall as many words as possible. It takes about ten minutes and is conducted on a laptop. When we give you the laptop, you will see a start screen where you can enter your gender, language nativity (is English your native language?) and year of study you are in. After the instructions, you may press the green 'Start' button on this screen. After clicking the start button, there will be a countdown before the test starts. Then fifteen words will appear on the screen one by one. Each word is shown on the screen for two seconds. Try to remember as many as possible. After the fifteen words are shown on the screen one by one, you will see a black screen. Name all the words you can recall when seeing the black screen. I will turn the laptop away from you and note which words you recalled correctly. We will not indicate whether you recalled a word correctly or not. Besides, recalling another form of the word, for example a plural, will not be counted as correct. When you think you've recalled everything, indicate this to me. You get a thirty second break in between the two tests. After the break I will turn the laptop back to you and you will see 'Test 2' on the screen. The second test will proceed in the same way.

Before starting the experiment, I want to let you know that we need to collect some of your personal data and use it for the research. It is important that you give your permission for this, otherwise you may not participate in this experiment and I sincerely thank you for your time.

## Conditions:

You understand that your participation is entirely voluntary. You understand that your responses will be kept strictly confidential and anonymous. You have the option to withdraw from this study at any time without penalty, and you also have the right to request to not use your responses.

- The goal of this study is to research the span of working memory of a young adult. Participation in this study should help advance our understanding of the span of working memory.
- You are asked to recall as many as possible words.
- The current study will last approximately ten minutes.
- Your responses will be treated confidentially and your anonymity will be ensured. Hence, your responses cannot be identifiable and linked back to you as an individual.
- The researcher will answer any questions you might have regarding this research, now or later in the course of the study.

By pressing the green 'Start' button on the first screen, you are giving consent.

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*Thank you very much for participating!*

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