

ASSENT FORM

Study Title: To Enact, To Tell, To Write: A bridge to expressive writing through digital enactment

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Why am I being asked to be in this study?

A research study is usually done to find a better way to help or treat people or to understand how things work. You are being asked to take part in this research study because you fit the age range of the study. This research study is trying to see how children like you create and write stories.

How long will the research last?

We expect that you will be in this research study for a total of 1.5 hours.

What will I be asked to do in this study, if I agree to participate in this study?

If it is okay with you and you agree to join this study, you will be asked to use an app to watch a cartoon video and write its story. We will record your video and audio during the study. In the end, we will ask you to answer some questions and a brief interview. In this interview, we will go over how you wrote your story. Here is all that you be asked to will do, in order:

- Watch a tutorial on how to use the app
- A questionnaire and brief interview
- Have a practice session with the app
- Watch and write a story with the app, for no more than 45 minutes
- A questionnaire and interview
- A review of a recording of you making your story, where we ask you questions about how you created it

What should I know about a research study?

Your participation in this research is completely up to you. It is your choice whether to be in this research study. If you decide you do not want to participate, no one will be upset and there will be no penalty. You can ask all the questions you want before you decide.

What happens if I say “Yes”, but I change my mind later?

If you say yes now, you can still change your mind later without any penalty. Specifically, your choice not to be in this study will not negatively affect your right to any present or future status with Texas A&M University.

Could bad things happen to me if I join this study?

There is nothing bad that will happen to you.

Could this research help me?

We cannot promise that this research will help you, but we think that being in this research may give you the opportunity to experience a new way of writing stories that are cartoon-based.

What happens to the information collected for the research?

We will take steps to limit the use of your personal information, including research study records, to only the people who have a need to see this information. I cannot promise complete secrecy.