**Informed Consent**

**Project Information**

**Project Title:** Exploring Relatedness Effects on Judgments of Learning and Memory

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**Research Description**

**1. Purpose:**

The goal of this study is to examine how the relationships between words influence metamemory and memory.

**2. Description of Study:**

You will be shown a series of words presented one at a time on a computer screen. You will be asked to study each word and depending on the condition to which you are randomly assigned, you may be asked to complete a judgment task involving the words. Following study, your memory for the word pairs will be tested. This experiment is expected to take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

**3. Benefits:**

Participants are not expected to directly benefit from participation. However, you will be financially compensated for your participation at a rate of $4.00/half-hour.

**4. Risks:**

The researchers do not identify any risks beyond slight boredom due to the repetitive nature of the task. However, if participants find that they are distressed, they may discontinue their participation at any time by closing their browser window and notifying the researcher.

**5. Confidentiality:**

Other than the consent form, participants will not place their name on any form or document associated with this experiment. Participants will be assigned a random identification number. Any data linking participant responses to their identification number will be destroyed immediately following conclusion of this study. All findings will be aggregated across participants, such that individual responses will not be linked to individual participants.

**6. Alternative Procedures:**

You are free to discontinue your participation at any time. If you choose to withdraw, your data will be deleted.

**7. Participant’s Assurance:**

This project and consent form have been reviewed by the Human Subjects Review Committee at Midwestern State University. Any concerns regarding your participation in this study can be made in writing to the Office of the Provost (Hardin Administration Building; 3410 Taft Blvd., Wichita Falls, TX, 76803) or by phone (940-397-4226). Any questions regarding this study can be directed to towards Nicholas P. Maxwell ([nicholas.maxwell@msutexas.edu](mailto:nicholas.maxwell@msutexas.edu)).

**Consent to Participate in Research**

I understand that participation in this project is completely voluntary, and I may withdraw at any time without penalty. Unless described above, all personal information will be strictly confidential, including my name and other identifying information. All procedures will be followed as their purposes were explained to me. I received information regarding any anticipated inconveniences, risks and/or benefits regarding my participation in this study. Any new information that develops during this project will be provided to me if that information may affect my willingness to continue my participation in this study.

By signing below, I give my consent to participate in this research project.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Researcher Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_