

## INFORMATION SHEET

PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION SHEET AND A SIGNED COPY OF THE CONSENT FORM  
FOR YOUR RECORDS

*You are invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide whether to participate it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take the time to read the following information carefully. If there is anything you do not understand, or if you want more information, please ask the researcher before signing the Consent Form.*

**Title of study:** Vowel duration and aspiration effects  
in Icelandic

**Researcher:** Stefano Coretta

### ***What is the research about?***

In some languages, a vowel followed by a certain consonant in a word is different from the same vowel followed by another consonant in another word. For example, in English the vowel in the word *pat* is not exactly the same as in the word *pad*. This research has the aim of finding out if Icelandic has this same property or not. Knowing if Icelandic does or does not show this phenomenon will help us better understand how speech works in general, by comparing Icelandic with other languages.

### ***Who is carrying out the research?***

The research will be carried out by Stefano Coretta, MA student in Phonetics and Phonology at the University of York, UK.

***Who can participate?***

Any native speaker of Icelandic, aged 18 and above, who is interested in helping with this research is welcome to participate. If you have speech- or hearing-related health issues at the time of research or in the past you will not be eligible to participate.

***What does the study involve?***

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to read a list of Icelandic sentences that will appear on a computer screen. While reading, you will be recorded. The researcher will give you detailed instruction prior to the start of this task.

***Do I have to take part?***

You do not have to take part in the study. If you do decide to take part you will be given this Information Sheet to keep and will be asked to sign two copies of the Consent Form (one copy is for you to keep). If you decide to take part you will still be free to withdraw without giving a reason, even during the session itself. If you withdraw from the study, we will destroy your data and will not use it in any way.

***What are the possible risks of taking part?***

There are no known risks in taking part to this task.

***Are there any benefits to participating?***

If you decide to participate, you will receive a small compensation in the form of either a box of chocolate or a gift card.

***What will happen to the data I provide?***

The data you provide will be used alongside the data of other participants to carry out a quantitative analysis on some properties of your speech. Your data will be stored securely in the University of York, Department of Language and Linguistic Science.

If you give your consent to do so, your data will also be stored online for public access in the Tromsø Repository of Language and Linguistics (TROLLing), operated by the University of Tromsø, Norway. Your personal information **will not** be included in your data, and the data will remain anonymous.

***What about confidentiality?***

Your identity will be kept strictly confidential. No real names will be used in any presentations, publications nor in the researcher's dissertation.

### ***Will I know the results?***

This research does not aim at testing your performance so there are no scores or grades assigned to each participant. The results of the research will be given only as group results, not as individual results.

This study has been reviewed and approved by the Departmental Ethics Committee of the Department of Language and Linguistic Science at the University of York. If you have any questions regarding this, you can contact the chair of the L&LS Ethics Committee, **Márton Sóskuthy** (tel: +44 1904 324171, email: [marton.soskuthy@york.ac.uk](mailto:marton.soskuthy@york.ac.uk)).

If you have further questions regarding this study, please feel free to contact:

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