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Project Title	Acquiring the semantics and pragmatics of attitude verbs
Purpose of the Study	<i>This research is being conducted by Dr. Valentine Hacquard and Dr. Jeffrey Lidz at the University of Maryland, College Park. We are inviting you to participate in this research project because you are an adult native speaker with no language impairments. The purpose of this research project is to better understand how humans understand language.</i>
Procedures	<i>The procedures involve silently reading sentences or listening to words over headphones. You might be asked to evaluate and answer questions by pushing response buttons on a computer screen, for example: "Is this a natural sentence of English?" The study can last up to 60 minutes, although most sessions are shorter.</i>
Potential Risks and Discomforts	<i>There are no known risks from participating in this research study.</i>
Potential Benefits	<i>This research is not designed to benefit you personally. We hope that, in the future, other people might benefit from this study through improved understanding of how people understand language.</i>
Confidentiality	<p><i>We will make every effort to keep your personal information confidential. Any potential loss of confidentiality will be minimized by recording the data we collect with a numeric code in place of your name before any further processing.</i></p> <p><i>If we write a report or article about this research project, your identity will be protected to the maximum extent possible. Your information may be shared with representatives of the University of Maryland, College Park or governmental authorities if you or someone else is in danger or if we are required to do so by law.</i></p>
Right to Withdraw and Questions	<p><i>Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. You may choose not to take part at all. If you decide to participate in this research, you may stop participating at any time. You have the alternative to choose not to participate in this research study and instead to fulfill the experimental requirement of your course by attending one of the Video Presentations offered this semester.</i></p> <p><i>This research is being conducted by Dr Valentine Hacquard and Dr Jeffrey Lidz, at the University of Maryland College Park.</i></p> <p><i>If you decide to stop taking part in the study, if you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or if you need to report an injury related to the research, please contact Drs Hacquard and Lidz at 1401 Marie Mount Hall, University of Maryland, College Park, lab telephone 301-405-0518; email hacquard@umd.edu, jlidz@umd.edu.</i></p>

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Participant Rights	<p><i>If you have questions about your rights as a research participant or wish to report a research-related injury, please contact:</i></p> <p>University of Maryland College Park Institutional Review Board Office 1204 Marie Mount Hall College Park, Maryland, 20742 E-mail: irb@umd.edu Telephone: 301-405-0678</p> <p><i>This research has been reviewed according to the University of Maryland, College Park IRB procedures for research involving human subjects.</i></p>
Statement of Consent	<p><i>Your agreement indicates that you are at least 18 years of age; you have read this consent form or have had it read to you; your questions have been answered to your satisfaction and you voluntarily agree to participate in this research study.</i></p>