THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

Learning from feedback

Participant Selection and Purpose of Study

You are invited to participate in a study of how people learn from feedback. We hope to learn how people are able to use feedback to improve their accuracy when making decisions about which category a line belongs to. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you accepted our HIT on Amazon Mechanical Turk.

Description of Study and Risks

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to complete a categorization task. On each trial of the experiment, you will be asked to decide which of two categories a line belongs to, and you will receive feedback on whether your decisions were correct or incorrect. Detailed instructions will be provided once the task begins. There will be a large number of these category decisions to make in the experiment, and the task should take approximately 30-35 minutes to complete including reading time.

No discomforts or inconveniences besides some boredom are reasonably expected. No risks are reasonably expected as a result of your participation in this study. We cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this study.

Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission or except as required by law. If you give us your permission by clicking on the "I agree" button below, we plan to publish the results in academic journals and discuss the results at scientific conferences. In any publication, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified.

Recompense to participants

As stated on the Amazon Mechanical Turk page, you will receive US\$5 for completing this HIT. Depending on the number of correct responses that you make in the task, you may also qualify for a bonus of US\$3. Half of participants will receive this bonus: you'll be given more information about this in a moment.

Your consent

Your decision whether or not to participate will not prejudice your future relations with The University of New South Wales. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and to discontinue participation at any time without prejudice.

Inquiries

If you have any questions or concerns following your participation, Associate Professor Mike Le Pelley (+61 2 9385 1294, email. m.lepelley@unsw.edu.au) will be happy to address them. Complaints about the study may be directed to UNSW's Research Ethics and Compliance Support, (phone +61 2 9385 4235 or +61 2 9385 4958, email. humanethics@unsw.edu.au).

Please keep a copy of this information sheet.