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Parent's or Guardian's Informed Permission Form
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

A first-hand experience with laboratory procedures is an important part of many courses in psychology. At NYU, we take advantage of our faculty's active research programs to give students that experience. Students in most courses participate in carefully supervised studies, thus gaining otherwise unobtainable experience with original research in psychology.

We have both department and university-wide committees that approve studies for our students. These committees are very exacting in enforcing high ethical standards. Each of the research projects contains safeguards designed to protect the rights and welfare of the students who participate. All records are confidential, so the privacy of the student's data is protected.

The Study: Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named Remembering People. It is being conducted by Christina Kooij who is the principal investigator. She can be reached at Department of Psychology, 6 Washington Place, Rm. 457, 998-7636, ck496@nyu.edu. The faculty sponsor of this work is Prof. Uleman who can be reached at 6 Washington Place, Rm. 753, 998-7821, jim.uleman@nyu.edu.

Its Purpose: The study is designed to learn more about how people think about and describe the important people in their lives.

Its Procedures: If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to do the following: Complete various written questionnaires such as trait ratings and open-ended descriptions in which s/he will describe the characteristics, attitudes, and typical behaviors of people s/he knows very well. Participation will take about 1 hour and your child will receive 1 credit in exchange.

Its Risks: There are no known risks associated with this study.

Its Benefits: Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make your child more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand how people think about and describe the important people in their lives.

Consent: Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Non-participation or withdrawal will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. Further, once participating, he or she may withdraw at any time and still receive his/her credit offered in exchange for that participation.

Privacy: Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by making sure that your child's name is never associated with his/her responses. Only researchers will have access to data, which will be kept for 5 years after publication of the results, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. Data will be destroyed by shredding.

Debriefing: On completing the study your child will receive a thorough written explanation of it that you may ask to see.

The information above has satisfied me such that I agree that my child may participate in your study. If I have any additional questions or want to report a problem, I may reach the researcher, Christina Kooij, or his/her Faculty Sponsor, Professor Uleman, at their contacts provided above. For questions about my child's rights as a research participant, I may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), Office of Sponsored Programs, NYU, (212) 998-2121.

I have received a copy of this permission document to keep.

Permission Granted for my Child's Participation



Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date