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Department of Psychology

Parent's or Guardian's Informed Permission Form, for Students Earning Credit
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 SRCVOC G. It is being conducted by Andy Hilford who is the principal investigator, as part of his research. He can be reached at ah13@nyu.edu, 212 998 7901, Rm. 479, Meyer. The faculty sponsor of this work is Professor Murray Glanzer who can be reached at mg3@nyu.edu, 212 998 7859, Rm 480, Meyer.

Its Purpose: The study is designed to learn more about recognition memory.

Its Procedures: If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to do the following: The experiment consists of a short practice section, a study section, and a recognition test section. During the study session participants will be presented with a list of words and/or non-words (i.e. letter strings) that the participants will be asked to study. Participants will be instructed that they will be tested on the study items following the end of the list. During test, participants will be presented with old words (those presented in the study section) and/or new words (words which appear only in the test section) and will be asked to decide which words are old and which are new. During the test section, the participants may also be asked to respond as to whether a test item was presented with an identifying characteristic during study such as position on the computer monitor (i.e. top or bottom of screen). Participation will take about 1/2 hour and he or she will receive 0.5 credit.

Its Risks of Harm: There are no known risks of harm associated with this study, beyond those of everyday life.

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 memory.

Your Child's Rights: Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Non-participation or withdrawal will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. He or she will have the right to skip or not answer any questions he/she prefers not to answer, in any interviews, questionnaires or surveys. Further, once participating, he or she may withdraw at any time and still receive the 0.5 credit offered in exchange for that participation.

Confidentiality: Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by assigning each participant a number at the time of the running of the experiment. The number will be associated with participants' data and the data will be analyzed by participant number. The document associated with the number identification will be stored for up to 5 years after the experiment has been run. It will be disposed of by destroying the document, usually by means of shredding.

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

If there is anything about the study or your child's participation that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Andy Hilford, at 212 998 7901, ah13@nyu.edu, Rm. 479 Meyer, or the faculty sponsor, Prof. Murray Glanzer, at 212 998 7859, Rm. 480, Meyer. For questions about your child's rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or human.subjects@nyu.edu.

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Permission Granted for my Child's Participation

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date

