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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, _____, is invited to take part in the study **Making Plans**. The study is designed to learn more about how people think about events and objects in different contexts. It is being conducted by Professor Gregory Murphy who is the principal investigator, as part of his faculty research.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to list actions or objects of various contexts, scenarios, and/or objects. These will be everyday contexts, scenarios, and objects, and they do not involve anything upsetting or controversial. For example, he or she might be asked to list the things that would be found at a wedding, or how to plan for a job interview. He or she will also be asked to rate the degree of effort expended on the task. Your child's participation will take no longer than half an hour, and he or she will receive 1/2 credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. Your child will receive a thorough verbal and written explanation of the study after completing it.

There are no known risks associated with your child's participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make him or her more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand how people think.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. If your child withdraws at any time, he or she will still receive the 1/2 credit offered for taking part. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he or she prefers not to answer.

Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by assignment of codes not identifiable with real names. The researchers do not attach your name to the data and are interested in group results rather than responses of individual subjects. The data from the study will be kept for at least 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association, and then will be destroyed by shredding.

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it 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, Professor Gregory Murphy, at 212-998-7791, room 857 of the Psychology Building, or at gregory.murphy@nyu.edu. 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, 15 Washington Place, #1A.

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

Permission

 Parent's Signature

 Date

