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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 Scattergories. It is being conducted by Kentaro Fujita who is the principal investigator. He can be reached at kf348@nyu.edu; 212-998-7872; 6 Washington Place, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10003. The faculty sponsor of this work is Prof. Yaacov Trope, who can be reached at yaacov.trope@nyu.edu, 212-998-3897.

**Its Purpose:** The study is designed to learn more about how people categorize and judge objects along a number of dimensions.

**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 a pen-and-paper task, perform a computerized reaction time task, and complete a series of questionnaires and personality measures. Participation will take about 1 hour, for which your child will receive 1 hour of credit or \$10 (your child must choose one or the other).

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

**Its Payments or Other Incentives:** If your child chooses to receive payment, your child will be paid \$10 for completing this study. If s/he withdraws before the end of the study no payment will be given.

**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 the psychological processes underlying categorization and judgment.

**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 any credit offered in exchange for that participation.

**Privacy:** Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by the assignment of codes not identifiable with real names. Materials will be kept in a locked laboratory room accessible only by the researchers. These materials will be maintained for 5 years, and then be shredded, as recommended by the American Psychological Association.

**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, Kentaro Fujita, or his/her Faculty Sponsor, Prof. Yaacov Trope, 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

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Parent's or Guardian's Signature

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Date