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CONSENT TO ACT AS A RESEARCH SUBJECT

This research is being conducted by David Barner, Ph.D., from the Department of Psychology at the University of California, San Diego. You have been asked to take part in this research to provide a measure of adults’ language use and comprehension. This is part of a larger research project that includes research in children’s understanding of language. There will be approximately 50 participants in this study. This research is funded by UC San Diego.

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked to read some stories and make judgments about the acceptability of descriptions of those stories. You may also be asked to judge how different words can be used. The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete, but in some cases it may take less or more time depending on the study and your rate of completion.

This study has no known risks associated with it. To ensure anonymity, we will not collect any identifying information from you, beyond information about your native language and experience with English. All information that we do collect from you will be identified with a subject number, and will be referenced exclusively by this number in data collection and analyses. The database that relates the subject number to a specific participant, which is password-protected, will be maintained in the researcher’s office. If publications result from this research, you will not be identified by name.

In consideration of your time and effort, you will be eligible to receive monetary compensation for participating in this research.

There may or may not be any direct benefit to you from these procedures. The investigator, however, may learn more about how people use language. Participants who are interested in learning about new findings from this study can visit our website, which will be provided upon request.

If you have any other questions or research-related problems, you may reach David Barner at (858) 246-0874. You may also call the Human Research Protections Program at (858) 657-5100 for more information about this, to inquire about your rights as a research subject, or to report research-related problems.

Participation in research is entirely voluntary. You may refuse to participate or withdraw at any time. Research records will be kept confidential to the extent provided by law.

IF YOU AGREE TO PARTICIPATE, ENTER YOUR MTURK ID BELOW AND COMPLETE THE LINKED SURVEY