



Consent for Participation in Experiments, Data Use, and Data Storage

Study title:	Matching Descriptions to Signs
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Nature of the study. We are investigating people’s preferences for describing hand signs. You’ll see a short video example of “alien sign language,” and then will be asked to choose one of two descriptions. Your session should last for approximately 5 minutes. You will be given full instructions once you proceed with the task.

Compensation. We will pay \$1.00 for your participation.

Risks and benefits. There are no known risks to participation in this study. Other than the payment mentioned, the only benefits to you personally are those you obtain from contributing to our knowledge about event description.

Confidentiality. Our records of your responses will not be associated with your name or with any other personal details that might identify you.

Voluntary participation and right to withdraw. Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time and for any reason. If you withdraw from the study during data collection (and do not complete the Task) we are not able to pay you. If you choose to withdraw after you’ve submitted the Task, please use the contact information below. If you do this, you will still be paid as if you had not withdrawn, but your data will be promptly and securely destroyed.

Contact information. This research is being conducted by the above-listed researchers at the University of Edinburgh. The researchers can be contacted at molly.flaherty@ed.ac.uk for questions or to report a research-related problem. Contact the Linguistics & English Language Ethics Committee at +44 131 651 1836 or lel.ethics@ed.ac.uk if you have concerns regarding your rights as a participant in the research.

Thank you for your help!

By accepting this Task, you consent to the following.

1. I consent to having my responses recorded for the specific research project identified above.
2. I understand that I have the right to terminate this session at any point. My data will be deleted at that time.
3. I agree that my name and personal details will not be made public under any circumstances.
4. I agree that the anonymized data I produce may be **kept permanently in Edinburgh University archives** and used **for the specific research project** which made them.
5. I agree that the anonymized data I produce **may be used by the above-named researchers, as well as by other qualified researchers, for teaching or research purposes, and in professional presentations and publications.**
6. I agree that that the anonymized data I produce **may be made publicly available for general use**, e.g. used in radio or television broadcasts, or put on the world-wide web.