



Information sheet for participants

Study title:	Language learning experiment
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What is this document? This document explains what kind of study we're doing, what your rights are, and what will be done with your data. You should print this page for your records.

Nature of the study. You are invited to participate in a study investigating how people learn and use a new language. You will be asked to look at some pictures, and learn some words in a new language you probably have never heard before. After you have spent some time becoming familiar with the language, you will be asked to look at some pictures and produce phrases that you think are appropriate ways to describe the pictures in the new language. We may have some questions about your experience afterwards. The experiment will last approximately 25 minutes. You will be given full instructions shortly.

Compensation. You will be paid £11.44/hour for your participation and an extra bonus (equal to the minimum payment for this study) if your performance is within the top 25% of all participants.

Risks and benefits. There are no known risks to participation in this study. Other than the payment mentioned, there is no tangible benefits to you, however you will be contributing to our knowledge about language.

Confidentiality and use of data. All the information we collect during the course of the research will be processed in accordance with Data Protection Law. In order to safeguard your privacy, we will never share personal information (like your name) with anyone outside the research team. Your data will be referred to by a unique participant number rather than by name. Please note that we will temporarily collect your Prolific ID to allow participants to withdraw, however we will never share this information with anyone outside the research team. We will store any personal data (i.e., Prolific ID) using the University of Edinburgh's secure encrypted storage service. The anonymised data collected during this study will be used for research purposes. With your permission, identifiable data such as audio recordings will be used for research. Only the research team members have access to these data.

What are my data protection rights? The University of Edinburgh is a Data Controller for the information you provide. You have the right to access information held about you. Your right of access can be exercised in accordance Data Protection Law. You also have other rights including rights of correction, erasure and objection. For more details, including the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office, please visit www.ico.org.uk. Questions, comments and requests about your personal data can also be sent to the University Data Protection Officer at dpo@ed.ac.uk.

Voluntary participation and right to withdraw. Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study within one week after the date of data collection. If you withdraw from the study during or after data gathering, we will delete your data and there is no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

If you have any questions about what you've just read, please feel free to ask, or contact us later. You can contact us by email at s1831038@ed.ac.uk. This project has been approved by PPLS Ethics committee. If you have questions or comments regarding your own as a participant, they can be contacted at 0131 650 4020 or ppls.ethics@ed.ac.uk.

By accepting this HIT, you consent to the following:

1. **I agree to participate in this study, including audio recording.**
2. I confirm that I have read and understood **how my data will be stored and used.**
3. I understand that I have the **right to terminate this session at any point.** If I choose to withdraw from the study within one week after the date of data collection, my data will be deleted at that time.