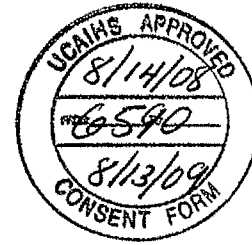




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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named Foreign Language With A Friend. The study is designed to learn more about the way people acquire language skills, and how this may relate to working with a partner. It is being conducted by Heather Barry who is the principal investigator, as part of her doctoral student research. The faculty sponsor of this work is Prof. Patrick Shrout, Department of Psychology.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he/she will be asked to:

1. Complete questionnaires about his/her interaction style, feelings, and background;
2. Study foreign language words for a week (the amount of time he/she spends doing this is up to him/her);
3. Communicate with a partner (the amount of time he/she spends doing this is up to him/her); and
4. Complete a daily diary recording his/her feelings and study progress.

Your child's interactions with his/her partner during this study will be recorded. Your child may review the audiotapes and request that all or any portion of the tapes that includes his/her participation be destroyed. Your child's participation will take a total of about an hour and a half; ½ hour in Session One and ½ hour in Session Two a week later, plus about 5 minutes a day to complete the daily diary. Your child will receive 0.5 credit for his/her participation in Session One and 1 credit for his/her participation in Session Two. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided to him/her.

There is a chance your child will experience negative feelings as a result of participation in this study. He or she will be encouraged to let the researcher know, so that the researcher may refer him/her to a counselor with whom he/she can discuss his/her feelings. 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 the way people acquire language skills, and how this may relate to working with a partner.

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 from this first session before finishing, he/she will still receive the 0.5 hour credit offered for taking part. If your child begins but withdraws from the second session before finishing, he/she will still receive the 1 hour credit offered for taking part. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he or she prefers not to answer. If your child completes both sessions, he/she will be entered in a drawing to win \$150.

Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by removing names from all materials after participation in Session Two, and labeling all questionnaires and written materials only with anonymous code numbers. The researcher will keep your child's responses confidential, but cannot guarantee that your child's partner will do the same. The data from the study will be kept until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association, and then 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, Heather