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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, _____, has been invited to take part in a research study named Concept Learning (2). The study is designed to learn more about concept learning. It is conducted by Gregory Murphy, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts & Science, New York University, as part of faculty research. He can be reached at 212-998-7791, gregory.murphy@nyu.edu, or room 857 Meyer Building (see complete mailing address above).

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to: Tell us what he or she thinks about some words, phrases, or pictures by rating them on a specified dimension, such as their familiarity, typicality, or plausibility. The items will be everyday objects or events, or possibly novel objects that we have made up. Neither will involve anything upsetting or controversial. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions—we are simply interested in your child’s opinion. The experiment takes no more than an hour. On completing the study your child will receive a thorough written explanation of it that you may ask to see.

There are no known risks associated with your child’s participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. 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 concept learning.

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawal after the study has begun will not affect your child’s grade or academic standing in any way. He or she has the right to skip or not answer any questions he/she prefers not to answer. Furthermore, once participating, he or she may withdraw at any time and still receive the full credit offered in exchange for that participation.

Confidentiality of your child’s research records will be strictly maintained. We do not attach names to the data, and we are interested in group results rather than responses of individual subjects. The data are kept locked in our laboratory. Any paper response sheets will be shredded five years after publication of this study; computer files are kept indefinitely.

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, Gregory Murphy, at 212-998-7791, gregory.murphy@nyu.edu, or NYU University Psychology Department, 6 Washington Place, room 857, New York, NY 10003. For questions about your child’s rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

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Permission

Parent’s Signature

Date

