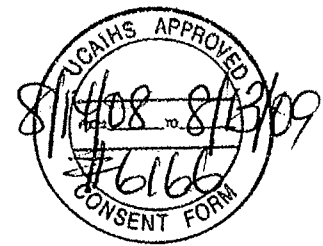




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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named Eyetracking, Inference and Knowledge. The study is designed to learn more about the general principles of how people learn to categorize objects in the world. It is being conducted by Prof. Rehder who is the principal investigator, or a member of his research team, as faculty research.

If you give your permission for your child to be in this study, he/she will be asked to Learn new categories of objects by making guesses and receiving feedback. After learning about these new types of objects he/she may be asked to make additional judgments about similar objects that are presented on the computer screen by pressing buttons on a button box.

Depending on the experimental group assigned, we may have him/her wear an "eye tracking" apparatus to monitor the motion of the eyes across a computer screen during the course of the experiment. This will help determine which sources of information are used to decide which category an object belongs to. The eye tracker is composed of two small cameras mounted to a leather headband and it is worn like a typical hat. Your child's participation will take about 1 hour, and he or she will receive 1 hour credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be given to him/her.

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 him or her more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand how attention operates throughout learning to categorize novel objects.

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 at any time, he or 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.

Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by not collection identifying information (e.g. name or student ID). The data from the study will be kept until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association, and then destroyed by deletion from the computer database.

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, Prof. Rehder, at bob.rehder@nyu.edu. 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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Parent's Signature

Date