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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 Interference in Reading MW. The study is designed to learn more about the role of memory interference during reading comprehension. It is being conducted by Brian McElree, who is the principal investigator and a faculty member in the Psychology Department, as part of his ongoing research.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he/she will be asked to read a series of sentences and answer comprehension questions about them. While reading, he/she will be asked to press buttons on the computer to bring words onto the screen and to indicate their answer to the comprehension questions. Your child's participation will take about 1 hour, and he or she will receive 1 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 memory is involved during reading comprehension.

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 of 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 using only a random code number to identify your child. Items with your child's name, including this consent form, or other identifying information will not be associated with his/her data file, and will be kept in a locked cabinet. Only Dr. McElree and his authorized research assistants will have access to these records. The data from the study will be kept until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association, and will be shredded thereafter.

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 Julie Van Dyke, post-doctoral researcher, at 212-998-3609 or jvandyke@haskins.yale.edu, or at her office at 6 Washington Place, Room 862, New York, New York, 10003. You may also contact the principal investigator, Brian McElree, at 212-998-8336 or brian.mcelree@nyu.edu, or else at his office at 6 Washington Place, Room 860, New York, New York, 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, New York, 10012.

You have received a copy of this permission document to keep.

Permission

 Parent's Signature

 Date

