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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 Speeded Response Studies of Sentence Processing. The study is designed to learn more about how memory contributes to language processing. The research is being conducted by Dr. Brian McElree, who is the principal investigator and a faculty member in the NYU Department of Psychology.

If you give permission for participation in this study, your child will be asked to: (1) Answer questions about their age and language experience; (2) Read sentences on a computer monitor and indicate whether they make sense when prompted by a beep. Participation will take about 3 hours broken into 3 sessions for approximately 1 hour each. Your child will receive credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. Your child can fulfill the course requirement in other ways besides participating in this or other studies.

There are no known risks associated with participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, your child may become more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand the role of memory in language processing.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your child’s grades or academic standing in any way. If your child withdraws from the study, your child will receive credit for the time completed. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he/she prefers not to answer. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

Confidentiality of your child’s research records will be strictly maintained. Your child will be assigned a code number for their data files, which are kept on password-protected computers. Items with your child’s name (this consent form) will not be associated with your data file and will be kept in a locked cabinet. Only Dr. McElree or authorized research assistants will have access to any records. If you wish, you may request that your child’s responses be destroyed or not used. The de-identified data from the study will be kept at least until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. De-identified data may also be posted online when research results are published.

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 Ryan King at ryan.king@nyu.edu, 212-998-3609, 6 Washington Place (Meyer Hall), room 862. You may also contact the principle Investigator, Dr. Brian McElree, at brian.mcelree@nyu.edu, 212-998-8336.

For questions about your 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