Your child, __________________________, is invited to take part in a study named Perception of Speech. The study is designed to learn more about how people listen to sounds based on who is talking. This study will be conducted by Dr. Alec Marantz, of the Psychology Department at NYU and Susannah Levi, of NYU’s Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

If you give permission for participation in this study, your child will be asked to complete several tasks including the following:

1. Fill out a brief questionnaire about his/her language history.
2. Complete standardized testing.
3. Listen to words over headphones and answering questions about what (s)he hears. S/he will be asked to select responses on a screen by clicking or typing.

Participation in this study will involve one hour of your child’s time. Your child will receive 1 hour credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. If your child withdraws from the study, he/she can fulfill the course requirement in other ways besides participating in this or other studies.

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, it may make your child more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigators gain a deeper understanding of how people listen to speech in different listening situations.

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. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions (s)he prefers not to answer. When your child completes the study, a thorough written explanation of it will be provided.

Confidentiality of your child’s research records will be strictly maintained by using a code rather than his/her name to identify his/her data; forms with identifying information will be stored in a locked cabinet. Information not containing identifiers may be used in future research or shared with other researchers without additional consent.

The researcher cannot keep information confidential if they have concerns that someone is hurting children or that your child might hurt themselves or someone else. In such cases, the researcher will inform people in authority about their concerns.

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, or if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Dr. Susannah Levi at 212-998-5676, at svlevi@nyu.edu, or at 665 Broadway, 9th floor, NYC, NY 10012.

For questions about your child’s rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS/IRB), New York University, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.
You may request a copy of this consent document to keep at any time.

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