

## Consent Form

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### Purpose of Study

The primary goal of this study is to examine how people learn new information. More specifically, we are looking at ways in which people learn simple verbal material. Results from this research study and others like it that are conducted in our lab have the potential not only to increase our current understanding of learning and memory, but also to raise new questions that will further advance our science. You are being asked to participate in this study. We are asking that you commit 1.5 hours of your time for this study. You will be given 3 research activity points for your participation.

### Experimental Procedures to be Followed

You will be asked to complete a series of tasks in this experiment. One of the tasks will require you to study and try and memorize pairs of words (e.g., “CLOWN-SPOON”) presented on a screen. Along with studying the pairs of words you will be asked to answer certain questions about the pairs before, during and after studying them. Finally, after study you will be asked to recall the word pairs. The other tasks that you will be asked to complete will be administered via paper and pencil and will ask you to describe how you attempted to memorize the words.

All of your answers to questions and responses will be kept strictly confidential. To protect the confidentiality of this information, we will assign you a code number that will only be known to the members of the research project. All of the information that you provide us today will be marked with the code number, not your name, and the information will be stored in a computer for analyses using only your code number for identification. The information is being collected solely for the purposes of understanding how memory and learning work. In order to ensure that this research is being conducted in the proper way, the IRB at The University of Alabama in Huntsville will be reviewing the data we collect. However, they are the only people outside of this research study that will have access to these data. No indication of your memory skills or your answers to our questions will be given to anyone else. We want you to be completely confident that you may feel free to answer all questions without concern that it may affect you in any way.

We are grateful for your willingness to participate in the research project. We need your help to accomplish our aims mentioned above. You will receive 3 research activity points for participating. We want you to know, however, that you are free to change your mind and withdraw from this research at any time. There will be no penalties for doing so; you will not lose any credit for withdrawing early from a session, but will not earn any credit either. If you have any questions about the research procedures described above, please feel free to talk with the investigator. Again, we are grateful for your help and want to make sure that your participation is a pleasant experience. If there are any problems that arise during your participation, please feel free to contact the project director, Dr. Jodi Price (256-824-3321; jodi.price@uah.edu), or Dr. Pam O’Neal, IRB Chair (irb@uah.edu), at The University of Alabama in

Huntsville to discuss the problems. Following your participation, you will be provided with an explanation of why this study was conducted.

Discomfort and Risks

There are no major physical risks involved in this study. There is a minor risk of eyestrain from reading the questionnaires and lists of words. However, should you feel at any time that you need additional rest, please ask the person assisting you. Again, although the risks in this study are minimal, if discomfort should occur, please tell the person assisting you immediately.

Potential Benefits

This study will provide knowledge about memory and learning. This knowledge could be of potential benefit to others through our search for understanding of how memory works. Without your help, this research would be impossible. The direct benefits for your participation in this study are the 3 activity points you will receive for participating in this experiment.

Contact Person

Please feel free to contact Dr. Jodi Price ([jodi.price@uah.edu](mailto:jodi.price@uah.edu)) if you have any questions or concerns about this research study.

By signing this form, you consent to take part in this research study. Your signature indicates that you read the information above and understand it completely. You also indicate that the researchers answered all of your questions to your satisfaction.

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent or Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(If under the age of 19)

**Researcher signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_