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Participant Information Sheet

Title of research project: Thai psycholinguistic norms for a set of 480 colour photographic objects

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You are being invited to take part in a research project. Before you decide to participate it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take your time and read the following information carefully. Do not hesitate to ask the researcher if anything is unclear or if you would like more information.

In this research project you will look at photographs of common objects and make ratings on them in a questionnaire-type booklet. The objective of the study is to find average responses from Thai participants so that these averages can be made available to other researchers to improve the quality and statistical control of materials selection for vision, cognitive, and linguistics research in Thai contexts.

We are recruiting a large number of Thammasat University students who are over the age of 18 because we feel they are a good representation of people living in Thailand. Students may take part in this study by adding their name to a sign-up list posted at the front of the classroom. Participation will occur at one of the appointment times offered on the sign-up list at the location indicated for that appointment time. The maximum number of participants that can take part in any one session is 35. On the day, the research assistant will randomly assign the group to one of the study's variables. You will receive more specific instructions prior to the study commencing. These instructions will inform you about how to rate each object.

The research study will take 45 minutes or less. Please bring your **student ID** card, **glasses** or contact lenses if needed, and a **pencil** or pen to mark your answers. As part of the research study, you will be asked to provide some information about yourself such as your age and gender. All data will be kept for a period of two years and then permanently deleted. The research assistant will also explain the procedure and address any questions or concerns you may have about this study. Information related directly to you will be kept **confidential**, and stored in lockable cabinet in the principle researcher's office. Results of the study will be reported as overall averages and any information which could be used to identify you will not appear in any written dissemination of the research findings.

No risk or harm may be anticipated from your participation in this study. Likewise, no benefits to you can be expected. The scientific community may benefit from the publication of response averages in a norming study of this nature. If the researcher has new information regarding benefit on risk/harm, participants will be informed as soon as possible. If you have any questions or would like additional information about the study, please contact the principle researcher using the information supplied above.

Participation in the study is entirely **voluntary** and each participant has the **right to deny** and/or **withdraw** from the study at any time, without giving any reason. There will be no adverse or otherwise negative impact for withdrawing your participation. If you do wish to withdraw your participation, just raise your hand and inform the research assistant that you no longer wish to participate. You will be allowed to leave, and this will have no bearing on your course grade.