



## INFORMATION SHEET AND CONSENT FORM FOR STUDY:

### Learning New Words

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#### **Brief Description of Study:**

The present study aims to look at word learning over time. In particular, we aim to test whether the properties of new words affect how well we can remember them, and how our existing vocabulary knowledge might support learning processes.

The initial department session will involve repeating the words aloud alongside other participants and doing multiple choice quizzes to help you memorise them. The group training will last no more than 30 minutes.

You will then be asked carry out short online memory tests for these words at three separate time points:

- 1) Immediately after training, or **as soon as possible**
- 2) **24 hours** later
- 3) **One week** later

Each session will take approximately 10 minutes, and will involve trying to remember the words and match them with their novel objects. To access each session, you should go to [\[HYPERLINK\]](#) in your web browser. You will be given the opportunity to sign up to email reminders for each session if you so choose.

An additional online session will collect basic background information and then test your existing vocabulary knowledge ([\[HYPERLINK\]](#)). These tasks involve selecting pictures that match presented words, and providing definitions to words. This session should take approximately 20 minutes, and can be completed at a time convenient for you.

There are no known risks to your participation in this study. You will be asked to create a participant ID to use throughout the online tests, and this will be further converted to a fully anonymized ID when we receive the data. You may ask questions of the researcher at any time point, and withdraw from the study without giving reason should you wish to do so.

Upon completion of all three memory tests and the vocabulary session, you will receive £10 cash or 1.5 hours course credit, which can be collected from the department at the time of your convenience.



CONSENT FORM FOR STUDY:

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You are taking part in scientific research. In order to produce useful data and further psychological understanding, we need you to concentrate throughout the experiment, follow the task instructions carefully, and be consistent in your responses during each part of the experiment.

For this experiment, it is particularly important that you sit the sessions at home as you would if you were being tested in the department. Please make sure you are in a quiet environment where you will not be disturbed, and that complete all of the online sessions independently without help from others.

**If you have a mobile phone, tick the box to confirm that you have switched it off for the training session.** ☐

**Tick the box to confirm that you have scheduled reminders to complete all three online memory tests on the assigned days, and that you will be able to complete each one independently in a quiet environment.** ☐

**Tick the box to confirm that you are a native monolingual English speaker.** ☐

**Declaration of Consent:**

I have been informed about the aims and procedures of this experiment, and I agree to perform in this experiment as instructed. I reserve the right to withdraw at any stage in the proceedings, and information that I provided as part of the study will be destroyed or my identity removed unless I agree otherwise.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_