

Information sheet
Understanding implicatures

Thank you for your interest in our study. Before you decide to take part it is important that you understand how this research is being conducted and what is involved. Please read through the following information carefully. You are free to discuss your involvement in this study with others. If you would like to keep a copy of this information sheet for your records, you will find a link to download a PDF copy below.

The study is being conducted by a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Cambridge: Dr. Elspeth Wilson. If anything is unclear or you need further information, you may contact her at ep321@cam.ac.uk.

Purpose of the study

The purpose of this study is to investigate how we understand what others mean when we communicate. In this study, we want to find out how good you think instructions in a game are: you will see a series of picture cards and hear instructions such as ‘pick up the card with pears’, and have to say how good you think this instruction is, given the picture cards you can see.

Why have I been chosen?

You have been asked to take part in this study as you are 18 or over and are a native speaker of English.

Do I have to take part?

No, you do not have to take part. You are also free to withdraw at any point and under no obligation to complete the study. If you would like to withdraw your data from the project, please contact a member of the study team and they will remove your data from the study.

What will happen to me if I take part?

All that is involved with this project is doing a short task in which you say how good you think a description of a picture is. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. We will also ask about languages which you speak. You will need access to a computer (desktop, laptop or tablet), be able to play audio clips, and have an internet connection.

Are there possible disadvantages and/or risks in taking part?

There are no significant risks or disadvantages to taking part in this study.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

You will be paid the rate shown via Prolific Academic.

Will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?

Participation in this study will remain confidential and all the data will be anonymized. Your data will only be identified by a code. All of your data will be stored securely, accessed only by members of the study team. Fully anonymised data may be made available via the University's or other online data repositories. Please follow this link to understand more about how the University of Cambridge uses personal data: <https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/research-participant-data>

What will happen to the results of the research project?

Results will be presented at conferences and written up in journals. These are normally presented in terms of groups of individuals, meaning that you won't be identified in any way. If any individual data are presented, the data will be totally anonymous, without any means of identifying you.

How long will my data be retained?

In line with University policy, data will generally be kept till the completion of the project + 10 years. After this, it may be destroyed or sent (in anonymised form) to the University's digital Institutional Repository.

Who is organising and funding the research?

The research is organised by Dr Elspeth Wilson, postdoctoral researcher at the University of Cambridge. Her research is being supported by the ESRC.

Ethical review of the study

The project has received ethical approval from the Faculty of Education and follows British Educational Research Association guidelines (www.bera.ac.uk/publication/ethical-guidelines-for-educational-research-2018).

Contact for further information

You may contact Elspeth Wilson at **ep321@cam.ac.uk**.

CONSENT FORM

Project title: **Understanding implicatures**

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Elspeth Wilson, ep321@cam.ac.uk

- ☐ I confirm that I have read and understand the information sheet for the above mentioned study and have had the opportunity to ask questions.
- ☐ I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason, and without my rights being affected.
- ☐ I understand that any data that are collected will be used and stored anonymously, in accordance with the Data Protection Act. Results are normally presented in terms of groups of individuals. If any individual data were presented, the data would be completely anonymous, without any means of identifying the individuals involved.
- ☐ I understand that these data may be used in analyses, publications, and conference presentations by researchers at the University of Cambridge and their collaborators at other research institutions. I give permission for these individuals to have access to these data.
- ☐ I understand that personal information (age and language background) will be collected as part of this research. Full data will only be accessible to the research team. However, properly anonymised data may be used in analyses, publications, conference presentations and other reasons and deposited in 'Apollo', the University of Cambridge Data Repository, which is an online resource which anyone can access. For full details on how we use your personal information, see <https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/research-participant-data>
- ☐ I have been given a copy of this form to keep.

I agree to participate in the above mentioned study run by Dr Elspeth Wilson a postdoctoral researcher at the Faculty of Education at the University of Cambridge.

[box to be ticked to proceed with online study]