



### *Information sheet for participants*

<b>Study title:</b>	Learning a new language online
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**What is this document?** This document explains what kind of study we're doing, what your rights are, and what will be done with your data. You should print this page for your records.

**Nature of the study.** You are invited to participate in a study which involves learning part of a new language. You will see pictures and hear descriptions in the new language, then you will be tested on what you have learned. Once you finish, we may have also some questions about your experience. Your responses will be recorded. Your session should last for up to 10 minutes. You will be given full instructions onscreen.

**Compensation.** You will be paid £10/hour for your participation in this study.

**Risks and benefits.** There are no known risks to participation in this study. Other than the payment mentioned, there no tangible benefits to you, however you will be contributing to our knowledge about language.

**Confidentiality and use of data.** All the information we collect during the course of the research will be processed in accordance with Data Protection Law. In order to safeguard your privacy, we will never share personal information with anyone outside the research team. Please note that we will temporarily collect your prolific ID to prevent repeat participation. We will store this information securely on an encrypted server only we can access. Once data collection is complete, your data will be referred to by a unique participant number rather than by your ID. The anonymised data collected during this study will be used for research purposes and may be shared with other researchers or the public.

**What are my data protection rights?** The University of Edinburgh is a Data Controller for the information you provide. You have the right to access information held about you. Your right of access can be exercised in accordance Data Protection Law. You also have other rights including rights of correction, erasure and objection. For more details, including the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office, please visit [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk). Questions, comments and requests about your personal data can also be sent to the University Data Protection Officer at [dpo@ed.ac.uk](mailto:dpo@ed.ac.uk).

**Voluntary participation and right to withdraw.** Your participation is voluntary. While you are completing the study, you may withdraw at any time and for any reason, and your data will not be retained. If you wish to withdraw from the study after you have submitted the experiment, please contact the researcher using the information below *within 1 month of participating*.

If you have any questions about what you've just read, please feel free to ask, or contact us later. You can contact us by email at [jennifer.culbertson@ed.ac.uk](mailto:jennifer.culbertson@ed.ac.uk). This project has been approved by PPLS Ethics committee. If you have questions or comments regarding your own or your child's rights as a participant, they can be contacted at 0131 650 4020 or [ppls.ethics@ed.ac.uk](mailto:ppls.ethics@ed.ac.uk).

By accepting this task, you consent to the following:

1. **I agree to participate in this study.**
2. I confirm that I have read and understood **how my data will be stored and used**.
3. I understand that I have the **right to terminate my session** at any point during my participation. If I choose to **withdraw after completing the study**, I understand I must contact the researcher **within 1 month**.