



Information sheet for participants

Study title:	A Study of Everyday English
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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 listening to spoken English sentences and rating these in terms of acceptability on a sliding scale from 0 to 100. Before you begin, we have a few questions about your age, gender and the variety of English you speak. Your responses will be recorded. Your session should last for about 5-10 minutes. You will be given full instructions shortly.

Compensation. You will not be compensated financially for your participation in this study.

Risks and benefits. There are no known risks to participation in this study. There are 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 (like your age or gender) with anyone outside the research team. We will not record your name, and your data will be referred to by a unique participant number.

We will store any personal data (i.e. age, gender, variety of English spoken) using Aarhus University’s secure encrypted storage service. The anonymised data collected during this study will be used for research purposes.

What are my data protection rights? Aarhus University 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 with the General Data Protection Regulation. You also have other rights including rights of correction, erasure and objection. For more details, including the right to lodge a complaint with the Danish Data Protection Agency, please visit www.datatilsynet.dk/english. Questions, comments and requests about your personal data can also be sent to the University Data Protection Officer at dpo@au.uk.

Voluntary participation and right to withdraw. Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time while you are completing it. However, please note that once you submit your survey, we are not able to identify you, and therefore we cannot remove your data from the study after that point.

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 mmd@cc.au.dk. This project has been approved by the University of Edinburgh PPLS Ethics committee. If you have questions or comments regarding your rights as a participant, please contact the School Research Convenor at ppls.rec@ed.ac.uk.

By continuing 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 this session** at any point. If I choose to **withdraw after completing the study**, my data **cannot** be deleted.