

## Consent Document

*This text will be presented to participants who participate in experiments via the internet, and participants' consent (indicated by pressing a button labeled 'Agree') will be obtained before data collection begins. A link will be available on the page for participants to ask questions at any time.*

### BACKGROUND

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. You may contact us by clicking the link at the bottom of this page. Take time to decide whether or not you volunteer to take part in this research study. The main purpose of this study is to understand why “non-native” accents and “non-native-accented” listening persist over time and how some people overcome these “non-native” accents.

### STUDY PROCEDURE

If you choose to participate in this study, you will fill out a questionnaire about your language background. You may be asked to (1) listen to or produce words in various languages and respond to questions by pressing buttons on the keyboard and/or (2) answer questions about your language teaching experience. Your expected time in this study will be up to three hours.

### RISKS

You may find it stressful or frustrating to respond to the questions asked in this study.

### BENEFITS

There is no direct benefit to you for your participation. However, we hope that the information we get from this study may help inform language teaching and theories of language and language acquisition.

### ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES

Participants earning class credit: If you do not want to be in the study, you may earn research participation credit by completing an alternative assignment. All other participants: If you do not want to be in the study, you can choose not to participate.

### CONFIDENTIALITY

Your data, which is not directly labeled with your name, will be kept in a locked Lab and/or in the University's GCloud and/or Box cloud services, and information about your performance on this task will be confidential. Results of this study may be used for teaching, research, publications, or presentations at academic meetings. Any public presentation or description of the results, including publication in scholarly journals or tests and playing of extracts of voice recordings, will refer to individual participants by a participant ID associated with your data rather than your name or any other identifying information.

However, if you disclose information that gives study staff a reason to believe that a child or disabled or elderly adult has been subjected to abuse or neglect, study staff will report that information to Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, or the nearest law enforcement agency to the extent required by law.

There are some cases in which a researcher is obligated to report issues, such as serious threats to public health or safety.

**Interview Studies:** In some cases, participants are asked to respond to questions, responses to which may contain identifying information. In this case, your data will not be made available to the general public without your authorized consent. I acknowledge that my interview recordings could potentially contain identifying information. I understand that these recordings cannot be made available to the general public without my written consent.

I give permission for my interview recordings to be made available to the general public.

Yes  No  (initial next to your choice)

### **PERSON TO CONTACT**

If you feel you have been harmed as a result of participation, or if you have any questions, complaints or concerns, please contact Professor Rachel Hayes-Harb at [r.hayes-harb@utah.edu](mailto:r.hayes-harb@utah.edu) or Professor Shannon Barrios at [s.barrios@utah.edu](mailto:s.barrios@utah.edu).

**Institutional Review Board:** Contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) if you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant. Also, contact the IRB if you have questions, complaints, or concerns which you do not feel you can discuss with the investigator. The University of Utah IRB may be reached by phone at (801) 581-3655 or by e-mail at [irb@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:irb@hsc.utah.edu).

**Research Participant Advocate:** You may also contact the Research Participant Advocate (RPA) by phone at (801) 581-3803 or by email at [participant.advocate@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:participant.advocate@hsc.utah.edu).

### **VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION**

Research studies include only people who choose to take part. You can tell us that you don't want to be in this study. You can start the study and then choose to stop the study later. This will not affect your relationship with the investigator. Withdrawal from the study will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which the participant is otherwise entitled.

### **COSTS AND COMPENSATION TO PARTICIPANTS**

Some participants are offered gift certificates or cash in the amount of \$10-20/hour for their participation, in accordance with the amount indicated at recruitment. Others are offered course credit. Others are not offered compensation. There are no costs for participation.

### **CONSENT**

By clicking the button labeled "Agree" below, I confirm I have read and understand the information presented here. I have had the opportunity to ask questions. I understand my participation is

voluntary, and I am free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without cost. I voluntarily agree to take part in this study.

[Contact us with questions/concerns.](#)

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