



Informed Consent / Assent Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Money

You are invited to take part in a study named The Biology of Social Cognition. The study is designed to learn more about how people categorize everyday objects, animals, and people, as well as to examine the implications of categorization for cognition, behavior and on hormones. Dr. Marjorie Rhodes, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology, and her research associates, are conducting this study.

If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to view pictures of everyday objects, animals, or people, listen to or read information about them, and make some judgments and guesses about these items. You will be asked to provide several saliva samples during this study, and also be asked to provide basic demographic information, including your age, gender, and racial-ethnic background. Your participation will take about one hour, and you will receive \$10 payment for participating. When you complete the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

There are no known risks associated with your participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although you will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make you more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand the development of categorization.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your grade or academic standing in any way. If you withdraw at any time, there will be no penalty, and you will receive a partial payment, prorated for the amount of time spent on the study. You have the right to skip or not answer any questions you prefer not to answer.

Confidentiality of your research records will be strictly maintained by using only random codes and by not collecting any identifying information. The data from the study will be kept at least until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. When it is destroyed, this will be done by shredding paper data forms, and by deleting files from our computers. Saliva samples will be destroyed as soon as they are analyzed for hormones.

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Marjorie Rhodes, by phone, 212-998-3546, or by email marjorie.rhodes@nyu.edu. For questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

Check one: I am at least 18 years of age.
 I am not yet 18 years of age, so I include a signed Parental Permission form.

You have received a copy of this document to keep.
Agreement to Participate

Participant's Signature

Date

Participant's Name (please print): _____