



## Consent for Participation in Experiments, Data Use, and Data Storage

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| <b>Study title:</b>                       | Communication of Social Survival Information through Narrative |
| <b>Principal Investigator</b>             | Matt Spike   |
| <b>Researcher collecting current data</b> | Rayn Epreman   |

**What is this page?** This page explains what kind of study we're doing, what your rights are, and what will be done with your data. If there are any special benefits or risks, they will be explained here. By clicking Consent and Continue at the bottom of this page, you will be acknowledging your understanding of the information included here.

**Nature of the study.** You will play a simple role-playing game on your laptop or desktop computer which will appear in a series of passages similar to the page you are reading now. After playing the game, you may be asked to compose a short piece of writing. You will be given full instructions as you work through these tasks. After you complete these tasks, you will be asked to answer a few voluntary survey questions about your experience participating in the study. The study will take you approximately 30 minutes to complete.

**Who can participate?** You can take part in this experiment if you are aged 18 or over and are a native speaker of English. Please continue only if you speak British, Irish, North American, Australian or New Zealand English. While equally valid, other varieties of English might unfortunately be too different from what we are currently studying.

**Compensation.** You will be paid £5 via PayPal.

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

**Confidentiality.** Your data will not be associated with your name or with any other personal details that might identify you.

**Voluntary participation and right to withdraw.** Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study for any reason and at any time up to two weeks after the date of your participation. If you withdraw from the study during or after data gathering, we will delete your data and there is no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

**Contact information.** This research is being conducted by the above-listed researchers at the University of Edinburgh. If you wish to ask questions before or after participating in this study, you may contact the researchers at [[a.r.epreman@sms.ed.ac.uk](mailto:a.r.epreman@sms.ed.ac.uk)]. Contact the Linguistics & English Language Ethics Committee on 0131 650 4020 or [lel.ethics@ed.ac.uk](mailto:lel.ethics@ed.ac.uk) if you have concerns regarding your rights as a participant in the research.

By clicking Consent and Continue, you acknowledge that you:

- consent to having your responses recorded for the specific research project identified above.
- have been given the opportunity to ask questions.
- understand that you have the right to terminate this session at any point, and your data will be deleted at that time.

- agree that the non-identifying data you produce may be kept permanently in our archives and used for the specific research project which made them, and may be used by the above-named researchers, as well as by other qualified researchers, for teaching or research purposes, and in professional presentations and publications.