**Consent to Participate in a Research Study**

**Psychology Department, Minnesota State University Moorhead**

**Recognizing Words**

You are invited to participate in a study of spoken word recognition and memory being conducted by Dr. Christine Malone, Associate Professor of Psychology at MSUM, with the help of student assistants Farryn Helm and Carole Braschayko.

**Purpose of the study:** We hope to learn more about the types of information in the speech stream that influence the spoken word recognition process and your memory for what you heard. We will address these questions by presenting you with a series of spoken items and asking you to make judgments about a second set of items. You have been asked to participate in this study because you are an MSUM psychology student, have normal hearing, and are a native speaker of the English language.

**What you will do in this study:** If you decide to participate, you will be asked to listen to a series of spoken items and then make some quick decisions about a second set of items. The complete instructions will be explained if you decide to participate. A debriefing session in which the particulars of the study are explained will be held immediately following the experiment. The experiment will be carried out in the Psychology Department in Bridges Hall.

**Time required:** The entire experiment will last about 20 minutes.

**Risks:** There are no known risks or discomforts associated with participation in this study.

**Benefits:** This study is designed to further our knowledge of how spoken stimuli are processed by humans and your participation as an observer will provide you with first-hand experience in research studies examining spoken word recognition and memory. In addition, you will receive proof of your participation, which may be submitted for extra credit in a psychology course (as allowed by your instructor).

**Confidentiality:** The responses in this study are being collected for research purposes only. Records of your responses will be stored in the offices or laboratories of the investigator in a locked filing cabinet, and will be made available only to researchers directly involved in the study. Response sheets are coded anonymously, and you will not be personally identified in any report or publication resulting from this study.

**Participation and withdrawal:** Your participation is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate in this study will not affect your future relationships with the MSUM Psychology department. If you decide to participate, you are free to discontinue your participation at any time without prejudice. No questions will be asked.

**Contact:** Please feel free to ask questions now or at any time during the study. If you have additional questions later, you can contact Dr. Christine Malone in the Psychology Department, office: Br 360 G, phone: (218) 477-2804, and email: malonech@mnstate.edu.

**Whom to contact about your rights in this experiment:** You may contact Professor Derick Dalhouse, dalhouse@mnstate.edu, phone 218-477-2072, Chair of the Psychology Department Human Research Committee or else Dr. Richard Adler, adlerri@mnstate.edu, phone 218-477-2474, Chair of MSUM Institutional Research Board.

**Agreement:** The purpose and nature of this research have been sufficiently explained and I agree to participate in this study. I understand that I am free to withdraw at any time without incurring any penalty.

**In signing this agreement, I also affirm that I am at least 18 years of age or older.**

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