



Project Title: Learning Process-Based Morphology in the Lab
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Purpose of Study

In this research, we are investigating how easy or hard it is to learn the singular and plural names of objects in languages you have never heard before. The information collected in this study will be used in the preparation of papers for presentation in international conferences and journals on language acquisition.

Procedures

Today's sessions has two kinds of phases. In some phases, you will see picture of familiar objects on the computer screen, and listen over headphones to their names in this new language – both in the singular (e.g. one apple) and the plural (many apples.) In other phases, you will see other familiar objects on the screen and hear over your headphones what they are called in the singular (e.g. one tree). You will then hear *two* possible plural names for the object (many trees), and your task is to press a key on the computer keyboard to indicate whether you think the first or second word is more likely to be the name for this plural. You will alternate back and forth between the two phases, with a rest break between every phase. The entire session will take between 30 and 45 minutes.

Risks and Benefits

There are no known risks or benefits involved in this experimental procedure.

Confidentiality

Your results will be kept completely confidential. Your name will not appear in any publication or presentation. To maximize confidentiality, your results will be assigned to a subject number even for our own analyses.

Refusal or Withdrawal of Participation

Your participation in this study is purely voluntary; you may withdraw at any time.

Request for more information

If you have questions or concerns about the study, you may contact the primary investigator, Anne-Michelle Tessier as above. If you have any additional concerns, you may contact the Department of Linguistics at (780) 492-3434.

Documentation

I have explained to _____ the purpose of this research, the procedures required, and the possible risks and benefits to the best of my ability.

Investigator

Date

I confirm that _____ has explained to me the purpose of the research, the study procedures that I will undergo and the possible risks and discomforts as well as benefits that I may experience. I have read and I understand this consent form, and have been given a copy for later consultation. Therefore I agree to give my consent to participate in this research project.

Participant

Date