CONSENT FORM

Linguistic Structure in Ellipsis and Pronoun Interpretation
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This consent form describes a research study, what you may expect if you decide to take part and important information to help you make your decision. Please read this form carefully.

- Being in this study is voluntary – it is your choice.
- If you join this study, you can change your mind and stop at any time.
- There are risks from participating and you should understand what these mean to you.

Introduction
You are being asked to take part in this study because you are a healthy adult, aged 18 years or older, and a fluent native speaker of English, without any learning disabilities, reading or visual disabilities, and normal or corrected-to-normal vision and hearing. We consider you a native speaker of a language if you have grown up or spent most of your childhood speaking that language.

This study is being conducted by Jeffrey T. Runner, Ph.D. of the University of Rochester’s Department of Linguistics.

Purpose of Study
The purpose of this study is to investigate language use and understanding in normal adult speakers of English.

Description of Study Procedures
If you decide to take part in this study, you will hear or read sentences or short stories, and you may be asked to look at scenes on a computer screen. You will
be asked to answer short questions about the stories or to provide continuations for the stories, either in writing, by pressing a particular key on the keyboard, or by clicking on a particular choice provided.

**Number of Subjects**
Approximately 2000 subjects will take part in this study

**Duration of the Study**
Your participation in the study will take approximately 15-30 minutes.

**Risks of Participation**
There are no known risks associated with participation in this study. If you are uncomfortable for any reason and wish to discontinue the experiment, please inform the experimenters. You are free to stop at any time for whatever reason, and will not be penalized for choosing to end the experiment.

**Benefits of Participation**
There is no direct benefit to you that you can expect to receive as a result of participating in this study.

**Sponsor Support**
The University of Rochester is receiving payment from the National Science Foundation for conducting this research study.

**Costs**
There will be no cost to you to participate in this study.

**Confidentiality of Records**
Mechanical Turk provides no personal information to the researcher. The results of this research study may be presented at meetings or in publications, however, you will not be identified to protect your privacy. The University of Rochester makes every effort to keep the information collected from you private. In order to do so, we will store the research data in the investigators' lab or office. These rooms are locked and not accessible to the public. Only the investigators and their associated research assistants will have access to the data. Sometimes, however, researchers need to share information that may identify you with people that work for the University, regulators or the study sponsor. If this does happen we will take precautions to protect the information you have provided.

**Contact Persons**
For more information concerning this research or if you feel that your participation has resulted in any emotional or physical discomfort please contact: Jeffrey T. Runner, Ph.D. at (585) 275-2626.

Please contact the University of Rochester Research Subjects Review Board at 265 Crittenden Blvd., CU 420315, Rochester, NY 14642-8315, Telephone (585) 276-0005 or (877) 449-4441 for the following reasons:

- You wish to talk to someone other than the research staff about your rights as a research subject;
- To voice concerns about the research;
- To provide input concerning the research process;
- In the event the study staff could not be reached.

**Voluntary Participation**

Taking part in this study is voluntary. You are free not to take part or to withdraw at any time, for whatever reason. No matter what decision you make, there will be no penalty or loss of benefit to which you are entitled. In the event that you do withdraw from this study, the information you have already provided will be kept in a confidential manner.

After reading and discussing the information in this consent form you should understand:

- Why this study is being done;
- What will happen during the study;
- Any possible risks and benefits to you;
- Other options you may have instead of being in the study;
- How your personal information will be protected;
- What to do if you have problems or questions about this study.