



Information sheet for participants

Study title:	Singular and plural forms in English
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Researcher collecting data:	Siqing Li

What is this document? This document explains what kind of study we're doing, what your rights are, and what will be done with your data. You should print this page for your records.

Nature of the study. You are invited to participate in a study which involves reading sentences and listening to recordings carefully and answering questions about them. Once you finish, we will also ask some questions about your background (e.g., age, gender, language background). Your responses will be recorded. Your session should last for around 45 minutes. You will be given full instructions shortly.

Compensation. You will receive a £10 Amazon gift voucher for your participation in this study.

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

Confidentiality and use of data. All the information we collect during the course of the research will be processed in accordance with Data Protection Law. In order to safeguard your privacy, we will never share personal information (like your name) with anyone outside the research team. Your data will be referred to by a unique participant number (rather than by name). Please note that we will temporarily collect a respondent ID to prevent repeat participation; however we will never share any information about you with anyone outside the research team. We will store the respondent ID using the University of Edinburgh's secure encrypted storage service. The anonymised data collected during this study will be used for research or teaching purposes, and may be shared with other researchers or with the general public (e.g. we may make it available through the world wide web, or use it in TV or radio broadcasts). No identifiable data that you provide us with will ever be used in this way.

What are my data protection rights? The University of Edinburgh is a Data Controller for the information you provide. You have the right to access information held about you. Your right of access can be exercised in accordance Data Protection Law. You also have other rights including rights of correction, erasure and objection. For more details, including the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office, please visit www.ico.org.uk. Questions, comments and requests about your personal data can also be sent to the University Data Protection Officer at dpo@ed.ac.uk.

Voluntary participation and right to withdraw. Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time before December 31st 2020 and for any reason. 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. Please contact Siqing Li by email at s1640617@sms.ed.ac.uk should you wish to withdraw before 31st December 2020.

If you have any questions about what you've just read, please feel free to ask, or contact us later. You can contact the Principal Investigator by email at m.ramsammy@ed.ac.uk. This project has been approved by PPLS Ethics committee. If you have questions or comments regarding your rights as a participant, they can be contacted at 0131 650 4020 or ppls.ethics@ed.ac.uk.

By agreeing to participate in this study, you consent to the following:

1. **I agree to participate in this study.**
2. I confirm that I have read and understood **how my data will be stored and used.**
3. I understand that I have the **right to terminate this session** at any point. If I choose to **withdraw after completing the study**, my data will be deleted at that time.

By clicking the link below, you will be redirecting to the online survey page:

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