
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET



1. **Protocol title**
Grammatical Variation in Singapore English
2. **Principal Investigator and co-investigator(s), if any, with the contact number and organization:**
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3. **What is the purpose of this research?**
You are invited to participate in a research study. This information sheet provides you with information about the research study.

Please download a copy of this information sheet for your own reference.

Please read the information below and contact Nick Huang, Principal Investigator (the person in charge of this research) about anything you don't understand before deciding whether or not to take part.

This study is being conducted to better understand the grammatical rules of Singapore English and how it is used.

4. **Who can participate in the research? What is the expected duration of my participation? What is the duration of this research?**

You must be an adult native speaker of Singapore English, such that:

- You are 18 years of age or older, if you are an NUS student. If you are not an NUS student, you must be 21 years of age or older.
- You attended a local primary school and self-identify as having grown up in Singapore.
- You must have lived in Singapore for the past 10 years.
- You self-identify as being proficient in English (including Singlish).

This study consists of only one session. The total duration of this study is up to 30 minutes, and we expect most participants to complete it in less time.

5. **What is the approximate number of research participants involved?**

The maximum number of research participants involved is 300.

6. **What will be done if I take part in this research study?**

You will be asked to read words or sentences and respond to what you have just read by pressing a key on the keyboard, or clicking with a mouse, or typing in your responses. The number of words or sentences you will be asked to read is listed in the advertisement for this study. You will also be requested to provide some general demographic information and language background information; please note that we will not require any personal information from you.

If you agree to participate, you will also see more detailed instructions on the experiment website before you start the study.

7. How will my privacy and the confidentiality of my research records be protected?

We will not collect any personal data (e.g. names and contact information) on this experiment website. In other words, all research data will be anonymous.

We might also acquire some personal information through other ways, e.g. during the participant recruitment process. However, we will not be associating any participant names with their data. If necessary, personal information like names will be stored separately in a list format to record who has participated, so that no one participates in the same study twice. All personal information acquired will be destroyed when the study is complete.

All data collected will be kept in accordance with NUS's University's Research Data Management Policy. Research data used in any publication will be kept for a minimum of 10 years before being discarded.

8. What are the possible discomforts and risks for participants?

There are no known risks associated with this study. Participants however might experience some fatigue.

9. What is the compensation for any injury?

There is no likelihood of injury in this study nor associated compensation.

10. Will there be reimbursement for participation?

There is no cost to you for participation. We also do not offer reimbursement for participation. The study is intended to be short, and we expect that without taking breaks, participants should be able to complete it comfortably within 5-10 minutes.

11. What are the possible benefits to me and to others?

There is no direct benefit to you by participating in this research study. However, this study will increase our knowledge of Singapore English. More generally, it will also increase our knowledge of the human language faculty and may one day aid in the development of treatments of language disorders.

12. Can I refuse to participate in this research?

Yes, you can. Your decision to participate in this research study is voluntary and completely up to you. You can also simply close the browser window to withdraw from the research at any time without giving any reasons. There is no need to inform the principal investigator about your decision.

13. Whom should I call if I have any questions or problems?

Please contact the Principal Investigator, Dr. Nick Huang by **telephone (65164088) or email (znhuang@nus.edu.sg)** for all research-related matters.

For an independent opinion regarding the research and the rights of research participants, you may contact a staff member of the National University of Singapore Institutional Review Board (Attn: Dr Chan Tuck Wai, at telephone (+65) 6516 1234 or email at irb@nus.edu.sg).