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UNDERSTANDING CONVERSATION INFORMATION SHEET FOR CHILDREN AGED 7 TO 14

To be shown and read by parent/carer if required

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Our names are Alexander Wilson and Dorothy Bishop and we work at the University of Oxford. We are doing some research and would like you to join in.

Research is a way of trying to find out the answers to questions. In our research, we are interested in conversations. We are learning about how people work out what other people mean when they are talking.

You can speak to your family, friends, or the researchers if you want to before you agree to join in.

Why have I been asked?

We are asking you if you would like to take part because you are between 7 and 14 years old.

We are asking about 100 children to help us.

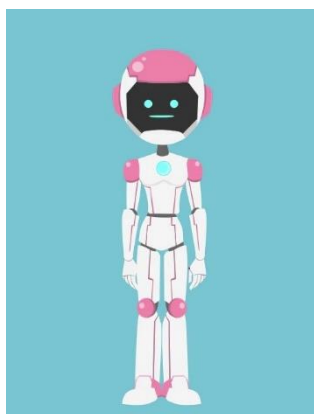
Your parent/carer has said it is OK for you to join in.

Do I have to join in?

No you don't have to if you don't want to! You can ask questions before choosing whether you want to join in.

You can change your mind at any time by telling the researcher or your parent/carer. You don't have to say why.

If you decide to stop, no one will be upset with you.



What will happen?

You will be asked if you would like to play some short fun activities on the computer. There will be a mixture of activities. Some of the activities will have videos and cartoons. Other ones will have some speech to listen to. The activities will ask you questions about what you have seen and heard. A robot will sometimes appear! You can see the robot here. The activities will take you about an hour to do. You can take breaks if you need to. And you can stop the activities at any point if you want to. To stop, you just click the cross in the corner of the screen.

You can choose if you would like the researcher to be there when you play the fun activities. If you decide to have the researcher there, the researcher will come and see you at home, or you can

come and see the researcher in Oxford with your parent/carer. The researcher might also be able to see you in school. If you choose not to have the researcher there, your parent/carer can look after you while you play the activities on a computer at home.

If the researcher does meet you, they would like to have a chat with you, and they would like to record this chat on their computer. You do not have to do this if you don't want to. It is entirely up to you!

Will anything about the research upset me?

We don't think that anything will upset you, but if something does, please talk to the researcher or your parent/carer. You are allowed to stop playing the activities at any time if you don't want to do them.

Will joining in help me?

The study will not help you but it might help other children in the future.

Will anyone else know I'm doing this?

The people in our research team will know you are taking part. No one will know that you have helped us with this research- unless, of course, you tell them yourself!

What happens to what the researchers find out?

When we collect information from you we will keep it in a safe place and only the people doing the research, or helping with the research, can look at it. We will write about the information so that other people can read about what we learn from doing the research.

Is this study OK to do?

Before any research involving people happens it has to be checked by a group of people known as a Research Ethics Committee to make sure that it is fair. This study has been checked by the Ethics Committee at the University of Oxford.

What if there is a problem or something goes wrong?

If you are not happy because of something that happened in the study, please talk to your parent/carer who will let the researcher know.

Thank you for reading – please ask us any questions.