



Consent for Participation in a Qualitative Study on Second Language Acquisition, Data Use, and Data Storage

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<b>Study title:</b>	Case Study of an Adult Polish Native Speaker under Presumed Attrition from English.
<b>Principal Investigator:</b>	Professor Antonella Sorace
<b>Researcher collecting current data:</b>	Julia Maciejczak

**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. If there are any special benefits or risks, they will be explained here. By filling in, signing and dating this document, you will be agreeing to participate and to let us use your data in specific ways. Please read the information below, then turn to the next page, tick all boxes that apply, and, if you are happy to proceed, sign and date where indicated at the end of the form.

**Nature of the study.** I am asking for your help in a study of 'attrition', understood as loss of nativelike fluency in some aspects of one's native language due to a long-term exposure and immersion in a foreign language. This is a case study of one main participant- a Polish person who has been living permanently in the United Kingdom. I nonetheless need to carry out one of the test with involvement of Polish people living permanently in Poland in order to compare the main subject's results from one of the tests. Upon agreeing, you would therefore be part of the so-called control group. The Polish language will be the only language under investigation and all the tasks will be carried out in Polish. I will audio-record your answer to the task and subsequently transcribe them, so that I can study it in more detail. All your data productions will be translated into English too. The study will concern lexical fluency. If you agree to participate, you will take part in a one language test without use of experimental equipment. This test would be:

- 1) Two verbal fluency tasks: uttering words belonging to two categories specified by the researcher under time limit. It will be audio-recorded. I predict about 10 minutes for the whole task and only 2 minutes of the recording itself.

The session would take place in a place offering you both comfort and privacy, agreed on together with the researcher depending on what is most convenient for you. Once you finish, I may have some questions about your experience. You will be given full instructions and will be able to ask any questions you may have. The study is predicted to last one session whose time and place will be agreed upon by you and the researcher in such a manner that the process is convenient for you.

The content of your oral-production will be transcribed, translated into English as the language of instruction at the University of Edinburgh and stored securely at an encrypted personal platform as well as in a secure data service of the University of Edinburgh. The audio-recordings you contribute will be deleted.

**Compensation.** The study offers no financial compensation.

**Risks and benefits.** There are no known risks to participation in this study. The only benefits to you personally are those you draw from making a contribution to our knowledge about language and its use.

**Confidentiality.** The data we collect will not be associated with your name or with any other personal details that might identify you.

No identifiable data (in this case, the audio-recording and your consent form) will be made accessible to anyone apart from the research team.

Your identity will not be revealed in the write-up of the dissertation.

Only the anonymous transcriptions of your oral production and the anonymous written test may be shared with other researchers but this would be done only with your consent (*see, page 3*). You would not be identifiable through this data and your audio-recordings or consent forms will never be made available to anyone apart from the research team.

The anonymized transcription of your oral production will be shared through the University's specially designated database should you consent to that.

**Voluntary participation and right to withdraw.** Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time and for any reason, including after the data collection ends. If you withdraw from the study, we will destroy your data and there will be no penalty or other consequences for you.

**Contact information.** This research is being conducted by the above-listed researchers at the University of Edinburgh. The Principal Investigator can be contacted at 0131 650 3493 or [a.sorace@ed.ac.uk](mailto:a.sorace@ed.ac.uk) for questions or to report a research-related problem. Contact the Linguistics & English Language Ethics committee at 0131 651 5510 or [lel.ethics@ed.ac.uk](mailto:lel.ethics@ed.ac.uk) if you have concerns regarding your rights as a participant in the research.

If you have any questions about what you've just read, please feel free to ask them now.

Thank you for your help!

Now please complete the consent form on the next page.



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PLEASE MARK EITHER 'YES' OR 'NO' FOR EVERY STATEMENT BELOW:

<u>Consent for participation:</u>	Yes	No
I consent to having my responses recorded for the specific research project identified above. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that I have the right to terminate this session at any point. My data will be deleted at that time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Researcher use of data:</u>	Yes	No
I agree that the data I produce may be <b>kept permanently in Edinburgh University archives</b> and used <b>for the specific research project</b> which made them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I agree that the data I produce <b>may be used by the above-named researchers, as well as by other qualified researchers, for teaching or research purposes, and in professional presentations and publications.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>General public use:</u>	Yes	No
I agree that that the anonymized data I produce <b>may be made publicly available for general use</b> , e.g. used in radio or television broadcasts, or put on the world-wide web.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: /d /m /y