

Appendix A: Sample consent form

Rice University, Department of Psychology

Consent to Participate in a Research Study entitled:
Recall of Categorized Lists

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Research Director: Dr. Michael Watkins

This experiment investigates patterns of recall for exemplars of semantic categories. It will last approximately 45 minutes. You will be shown, on the computer, lists of category exemplars (e.g., violin, trumpet, clarinet . . . , secretary, carpenter, teacher . . .), one exemplar at a time. You will then be prompted to type into the computer as many of these items as you can recall, category by category. The procedure will be repeated several times with fresh categories. A more complete description will be given at the conclusion of the session, but you are encouraged to ask any questions or raise any concerns you may have at this time. There are no specific risks, and no discomforts are anticipated

beyond those normally associated with study in a college environment. Your participation is voluntary, and your refusal to continue or withdrawal at any time will not result in any loss of benefits to which you would otherwise be entitled. Your individual data will not be made public; it will be seen only by the research team and will be treated confidentially. There is no financial compensation for this study; however, as a student of psychology you will gain important insight about the conduct of psychology research. Information on your rights as a participant can be found in the document, "Rights and Responsibilities of Students Participating in Psychology Experiments," which can be found on the Department website:

<http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~Epsyc/undergrad/subjects.html>.

If you believe your rights have been violated in any way, you may contact the Department's Experiment Censor (Dr. Michael Watkins, 713/348-3416 or watkins@rice.edu); the Psychology Department

Chair (Dr. Stephan Motowidlo, 713/348-3918 or motowidlo@rice.edu); and/or Nancy Nisbett (an official of Rice University's Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects, 713/348-6200 or nnisbett@rice.edu).

I have read and I understand the above statement,
and I agree to participate in this study:

Signature

Printed Name

Date