Amazon Mechanical Turk Information Sheet

Learning, Attention, and Decision-making Throughout Development

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This form describes a research study that is being conducted by Celeste Kidd from the University of Rochester's Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences.

The purpose of this study is to study attention, learning, and decision-making in children. If you decide to participate in this study, the testing sessions are self-paced and will last between 5 and 60 minutes. The computer will record all responses for the duration of your participation. You will be shown instructions and questions on your computer screen, and you may be asked to listen to audio sequences over your speakers or headphones. You may also be asked to provide verbal, written, or manual responses to questions or visual prompts.

If you decide to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete either a single HIT or a series of HITS using the Amazon Mechanical Turk (MTurk) service. It will take between 5 and 60 minutes to complete the tasks, with the information for individual HITS containing more specific information. Each HIT will have different sentences and/or pictures, and will ask questions about those sentences and/or pictures. The tasks will ask for judgments about certain aspects of the sentences and/or pictures. We estimate that approximately 11,500 subjects will take part in this study.

The risks of participation are minimal. Some of the questions may be upsetting or make you feel uncomfortable. You can skip any of the questions you do not want to answer. This data you provide may be used by Amazon as per its privacy agreement. To protect the confidentiality of the data, data will be transmitted in an encrypted format (readable only to authorized personnel). There are no expected benefits.

The University of Rochester is receiving payment from the National Institutes of Health for conducting this research study.

By participating in the Mechanical Turk experiments you be paid $0.01 to $10.00 per HIT via the Mechanical Turk interface according to a $10.00 per hour time scale. No direct payments will be sent from the University of Rochester research lab.

The University of Rochester makes every effort to keep the information collected from you private. Results of the research may be presented at meetings or in publications, without any reference to you.

**Your participation in this study is completely voluntary.** You are free not to participate or to withdraw at any time, for whatever reason.

For more information or questions about this research you may contact Celeste Kidd at (585) 275-8689 or ckidd@bcs.rochester.edu. Please contact the University of Rochester Research Subjects Review Board at 265 Crittenden Blvd., CU 420315, Rochester, NY 14642, Telephone (585) 276-0005 or (877) 449-4441 for the following reasons:

- You wish to talk to someone other than the research staff about your rights as a research subject;
- To voice concerns about the research.