

## Information Sheet and Assent form for Participants under 18 years of age

### Title of project: Spotting lies and reading minds

This project has been approved by the UCL Research Ethics Committee as Project ID 14807/002

#### What is a research study?

A research study is what you do when you want to learn about something or find out something new.

#### Who is conducting this study?

Dr Sarah White, a researcher at UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, along with her PhD student, Ms Ishita Chowdhury, Masters Student, Ms Catherine Hill, and Research Assistant, Ms Imogen Krell, is conducting this study.



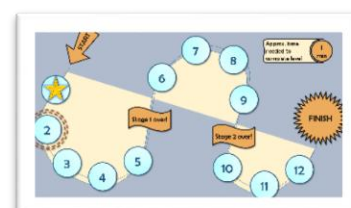
#### Why is this study being done?

We are trying to find out what you are good at and what you might find difficult, and if this is different for children who have autism. Specifically, we are looking at how good you are at understanding what other people are thinking and if you can guess when they are lying! We also want to see how these abilities develop and change as people grow up, so we will be asking people of different ages to take part.

#### What will happen to me if I take part?

- 1) You will be asked to complete a series of activities and earn stars for completing stages.**

You will have to complete different activities one after the other. You will be able to take breaks after finishing one activity and before starting the next. The whole study should take about 90 minutes, except for the time you spend away from the study taking breaks.



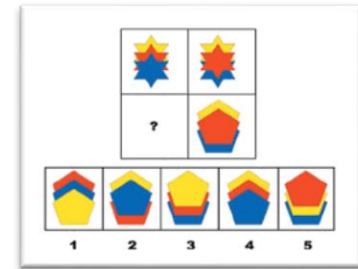
## 2) You will be asked to watch some videos and answer some questions

You will watch videos of some people who describe some pictures, talk about themselves or answer some questions. You may also be asked to watch some cartoons. We will ask you some simple questions about these videos, such as, “Do you think this person is lying?”. While you watch some of the videos, we might use an eye tracker or your webcam to track what you are looking at. In some tasks, we might audio or video record your responses.



## 3) You will be asked to do some puzzles

You will be asked to look at some pictures and tell us what you see or choose which one is right. We'll also ask you to read some short stories and ask you about them. We might also ask you some question about yourself and your feelings.



### Do I have to say ‘yes’?

No—not at all. It’s up to you. You are free to say ‘no’ if you don’t want to join in. There will be no negative consequences if you choose to not join the study. You can change your mind at any time.

### What shall I do now?

Now you know about the study, you need to decide if you want to take part. If you do decide to take part, make sure you pay attention while doing the tasks. We will be checking if you are paying attention, and you may not be able to continue with the study if this is not the case.

### Who can I ask about this?

Ask your parents – they’ve been given lots of information. If you have any more questions or would like to speak to the researcher, you can do that too. Ask your parents to get in touch with us if you have questions for us.

### Will the study upset or help me?

The study should not upset you, however if you feel that some of the questions asked in this study make you feel sad, you should talk to your parents or another trusted adult.

The study will help us understand how people think, and you might enjoy doing some of the activities too! You will also get a **get a £10 Amazon gift voucher** that will be emailed to your parent’s ID within a four weeks of you **completing the study**. There are **also additional prizes for the best overall performance**.

Now that you know what this study is about and what to expect, read through the following statements and tick the boxes to show that you understand. If you leave any of the boxes unticked, it will mean that you are not able to take part in the study.

Tick Box

1. I understand the Information Sheet I read about the above study.  
I have had time to think about the study and whether I would like to take part.
2. I agree for the researchers to collect the information that I provide in this study and use it to answer questions about differences between people.
3. I understand that no one will be able to identify me from the information I provide.
4. I understand that I am taking part in this study because I choose to. I understand that I am free to stop at any time without giving a reason.
5. I understand that if I get upset by anything in this study, I should speak to a parent or another trusted adult.
6. I understand that I might benefit from this study by enjoying taking part in some of the activities.
7. I understand that by taking part in the study and completing it, I will get a £10 Amazon gift voucher and will be eligible to win bonus performance based prizes (with my parents' permission).
8. I agree that the information I provide may be used by others for future research.
9. I agree to take part in this study.