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INFORMATION SHEET

Second Language Acquisition Study



What is it about?

We would like to invite you to take part in study investigating second language acquisition. This project is part of the Twins Early Development Study (TEDS) led by Professor Robert Plomin. The aim of the study is to uncover variables that contribute to individual differences found in learning a second language and uncover why people might learn differently to each other.

How do we take part?

This study involves using the popular language learning software Rosetta Stone. You will be required to complete the first unit of the programme in German which will **take on average between 3-5 hours**. This unit is divided into 4 main sections; each comprising of one 'core lesson', which takes between 20-30 minutes, and small sub-sections which specialise in the different components of language (pronunciation, vocabulary, listening, grammar, writing and speaking), each taking less than 10 minutes. We recommend you try to **complete a section a week**. The deadline for completing the study is **10th September**.

We are interested in the differences in how individuals learn a second language therefore **ONLY COMPLETE EACH ACTIVITY ONCE**. Please do not try to improve your score by re-doing any of the activities.

To log in:

1. Go to your Rosetta Stone® Classroom portal at

<https://kingscollege.rosettastoneclassroom.com>

2. Sign in

Username: henry25319

password: teds03

Instructions for how to get started have been included with this letter. You will need the **sound switched on** to complete the activities. There are speaking activities in the last two sections. Once you have started we will send headsets with an attached microphone. You will need to wear these when completing the programme.

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Exclusion criteria

As this study involves learning German at a beginner's level, we can only include participants who have not previously studied German, Swiss-German or Dutch. Native speakers of these languages are also unable to take part. If you are unsure about your eligibility for taking part please contact the TEDS office on 0800 317029 or teds-project@kcl.ac.uk for clarification.

Thank you

To say thank you for giving up your time to complete this study we will send you £30 in Love2shop or iTunes vouchers once you have completed **all** of the activities.

What happens to the results of the research study?

The findings will be published in scientific journals, and also made available on our web site after the completion of the study. We hope that the data collect from this study will contribute to improving how languages are taught in school. Your information will be kept **strictly confidential and anonymous**.

Do we have to take part?

It is up to you whether or not to take part. If you do take part you are free to withdraw at any time, without giving a reason. Your decision not to take part in this study will not affect your involvement with TEDS.

Queries

If you have any questions please email us at teds-project@kcl.ac.uk, call us on FREEPHONE 0800 317029, or write to us at TEDS, PO83, FREEPOST LON7567, LONDON SE5 8YZ.

A Big Thank You and Best Wishes from the TEDS Team