

Assent Form for Participation in the
Research Study Entitled Music Play to Improve Reading

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What is a research study?

We’re inviting you to participate in a research study to help us discover new information. Research is voluntary: only those who want to participate will be included in the study. This assent form describes the study. We encourage you to discuss your decision with your parents/guardians. They also have to provide their permission for you to enter this research study.

Why is this study being done?

This study is to find out if reading comprehension increases if there is classical music playing in the background while you do your English literature reading homework.

What will happen to me?

If you decide to help us, you will be selected for one of two groups. You will get picked by chance—like flipping a coin. Both groups will meet after school. One group will do their English literature reading homework while there is classical music playing in the background at a fairly low, but audible level. The music will be loud enough to cover up the sounds of others turning pages, whispering etc. The other group will be in a quiet study hall, where you may hear the sounds of other students. Both groups will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour each day. You’ll do this for a total of 16 hours over 8 weeks.

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Before and after doing the group work we'll be looking at your scores on the XYZ reading comprehension test at school. The reading test is not part of this research study, but it will take you 3 hours to complete each time. The school requires you to take this test both times.

What are the good things about being in this study?

The only benefit that might happen is your reading may improve.

Will being in the study hurt me?

We do not think that being in the study will have any disadvantages.

How long will I be in the study?

Your total time commitment for this research study is 16 hours over 8 weeks.

Do I have other choices?

You can decide not to be in the study and you will not have to be in any group.

Will people know that I am in the study?

The people in the school office will know that you are in the study, but they will not discuss your participation anyone else. If they talk about the study or write about it they won't use your name. If the researchers present the study results or write up the results, they won't use your name.

Whom should I ask if I have questions?

If you have any questions you can ask Mr. Doe. Remember, you should also discuss your participation with your parents or your guardian.

Is it OK if I say "No, I don't want to be in the study"?

You do not have to participate in this study if you do not want to. No one will be mad or upset. If you change your mind once you start the study, you can decide to stop participating.

Other Information

If we learn important new information about this study we will tell you and let you decide if you want to stop being a part of the study.

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Do you understand and do you want to be in the study?

I understand. All my questions were answered.

- I want to be in the study.
- I don't want to be in the study.

Your name

Your signature

Date

Signature of person explaining the study

Date