

Research Consent Form for Homestays and Language Learning

What this study is about: You are being asked to take part in research that addresses language learning and cultural adaptation. Many programs advocate staying with a host family in order to advance your language and culture learning. The purpose of this survey is to explore the language learning and cultural experience of adult language learners.

What we will ask you to do: Complete a survey. This will take ten minutes for all participants, and an additional 25 minutes for those who have done a homestay. It will include questions about your language learning growth and interactions with native speakers of the language you were learning.

The purpose: This questionnaire is meant for people who have travelled overseas and studied a foreign language. The results will be used to compare and contrast those who included a home stay in their language acquisition, with those who did not.

Risks and Benefits: I do not anticipate any risks to you in this study, other than what happens in normal day to day life. The benefit of this study is that some factors that will lead to more positive language and cultural interactions may be identified and shared with you and other adult language learners.

Your answers will be confidential: The records of this study will be kept private. In any sort of report we make public, we will not include any information that will make it possible to identify you.

Taking part is voluntary: Taking part in this study is completely voluntary. You may skip any question you do not want to answer. If you decide to take part, you are free to withdraw at any time.

If you have questions: The researcher conducting this study is Melissa Lewis, with advisor Dr. James Robinson. If you have any questions you may contact Melissa Lewis at abemeliss2009@gmail.com, or Dr. Robinson at jhrobinson@stcloudstate.edu.

Results of the study: The results of the study will be used towards completion of a Master's Thesis at Saint Cloud State University. If you would like a copy of the study results, you may e-mail me directly and I will send these to you at the completion of the study.

Statement of Consent: I have read the above information and received answers to any questions I have asked. I consent to take part in the study. I am at least 18 years of age.

**St. Cloud State University
Institutional Review Board**

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