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## **Welcome Block**

This is the first of a several-part longitudinal study. In this part you will practice a task (~15 minutes for £2.5), and in the following parts we will ask you to apply what you have learned (on average ~14 minutes). If you qualify, you will see the next parts on your dashboard within 48 hours. Please participate only if you are prepared to complete at least 4 follow up studies within the next 5 days. You are welcome to participate in more if you like. More studies might come online at a later time than 48 hours.

This study is meant to be done on a laptop or desktop PC. Some functionalities might not work on devices with touch screens.

Please enter your Prolific ID here:

`${e://Field/PROLIFIC_PID}`

Your responses to the survey tasks (without the Prolific ID) will be used for research and can be distributed publicly. There are two attention checks in the study. If you fail both, your session will stop

early and you will be routed back to Prolific with a completion URL marked as "FAILED ATTENTION CHECKS". There is one comprehension check in the beginning. We ask you to return your submission if you fail it.

Do you consent to this?

- ☐ Yes, start with the survey.
- ☐ No, take me back.

## Instructions and Comprehension Check

Thank you for taking part in this study! Your contribution is very important to our research and will directly impact the quality of our results. We are investigating paraphrases in the context of news interviews.

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We also ask you to highlight in **red** the section of the guest statement that the host paraphrases.

*The following is an example of a task we ask you to perform. Please select whether there is a paraphrase present according to the definition we presented to you on the previous page. If there is, we ask you to highlight the position of the paraphrase in the guest and host utterance. This is a comprehension check. You have 2 tries to get it right.*

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## Comprehension 2

*You didn't pass the comprehension check. You have 1 more try to get it right. If you fail it you will be re-routed to Prolific. As a reminder: A **Paraphrase** is a rewording or repetition of content in the guest's statement. It rephrases what the guest said. Please select whether there is a paraphrase present according to this definition. If there is, we ask you to highlight the position of the paraphrase in the guest and host utterance -- it rarely is just one word.*

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## **Failed Comprehension Check**

Unfortunately, you did not pass the comprehension check about paraphrases. We ask you to return your submission (you will be rerouted accordingly after clicking "next"). In case you want to try again let us know with a message on Prolific and we might give you another chance to participate.

## **Training, and Attention Checks**



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You are correct, there is no paraphrase. Instead, **the host adds a conclusion to what the guest said** ("so you don't have a problem with ..."), **without rewording or repeating the content of the guest's utterance**. In a real news interview, the host often says something related to the guest's statement that is not a paraphrase.

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Great, your highlights capture what is paraphrased. **The host paraphrases two different sentences uttered by the guest.** You might have noticed that there is some ambiguity in what words exactly one can highlight as part of the paraphrase. More on that on the next page.

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There is some ambiguity in what words exactly one can highlight as being the target of the paraphrase in the guest statement or as being part of the paraphrase in the host reply. For example, looking back at the example from the beginning, you might have chosen to highlight:

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All these ways of highlighting are perfectly reasonable and acceptable. Don't worry about these ambiguities too much. We ask you to select what **you** think is a good representation of (1) what the host tried to paraphrase and (2) the actual paraphrase. We do ask you to be accurate on word level (e.g., a word like "So" might not be a relevant part of the paraphrase here but "you" and "I" should probably be present as they refer to the object of discussion)

*The following is an attention check. Please select "is not paraphrasing anything specific the guest said."*

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Correct. The host is not paraphrasing the guest. What makes it difficult is that "personal relationships" and "members of her family" could be seen as semantically related. However, here, **the host is not repeating the actual content of the guest's statement** (the

guest talks about the police while the host talks about the guest, who is a reporter). **The host rather continues on with a related topic.**

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*Given an interview on 2005-05-26 with the summary:*

**Lionel Tate is back in jail for allegedly holding up a pizza deliveryman. The 18-year-old Florida youth was the youngest person to be sent to prison for life in U.S. history. At age 12, he was accused of murdering his 6-year-old neighbor and friend Tiffany Eunick when he claimed he was**

**demonstrating wrestling moves. Ed Gordon talks with Sgt. DeLacy Davis from New Jersey, a mentor and one of several supporters that put together a "re-entry into society plan" for Tate.**

*Guest and Host say the following:*

**Guest (DE LACY DAVIS):**

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Great. **The two highlighted sections describe the same content. Even though the perspective changes** ("here" -> "New Jersey", "me" -> "De Lacy Davis"). Here, the **name of the guest and the summary** contains the necessary information.

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## Longitudinal Check

For an overview of what you've learned see:

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We ask you to show what you've learned in one last pair.

*Given an interview on 2000-8-3 with the summary:*

### **Kissinger: Bush is Fully Qualified for Foreign Policy Decisions**

*Guest and Host say the following:*

**Guest (HENRY KISSINGER, FMR. SECRETARY OF STATE)**

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**Host (NATALIE ALLEN, CNN ANCHOR):**

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**Host (JOHN YDSTIE, host)**

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*Open an overview of the categories in another window:*

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*Do you have comments on this question?*

## **Invitation to Next Study**

Thank you for your active participation. You qualified for the second round (i.e., to annotate paraphrases in news interviews)! We hope that you will continue and take part in at least 4 follow-ups (studies include the name X/5 on your dashboard).

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## **Last Comments**

Thank you for your participation.

Do you have any further comments?

## **End of Study without Invitation**

Thank you for your participation. If you qualify for the next studies, you will see them on your dashboard within 24 hours.