

## **Informed Parental Consent Form**

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Your child is invited to try out the **Sing and Speak 4 Kids** music-language game as a participant of U. S. Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences (IES) – Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. With the parent's or therapist's help (i.e. The Trainer), we will gather the results of each game session. This will aid us in better understanding the game's ability to help children develop language skills using music as well as help us improve the program for future users.

Your child will be asked to play a game at the computer for six sessions over two weeks period at a location determined by The Trainer. The onscreen singer in the game will first ask them to learn to sing a song. As the game progresses, the singer will prompt your child to fill in the blank for target words within the song verses they learned. Lastly, they will answer questions regarding the target words to check their understanding. Assessments will be conducted by a trained professional, blind and unbiased to the training conditions for each of the target words. The trained professional will complete an assessment with the child, using the game software, before the very first session and after every game play session during the six sessions. In addition, the trained professional will administer a delayed post-assessment one month after the sixth training session. These assessments will involve presenting pictures of the target words and asking the child to name the picture, while the trained professional records the results.

### **RISKS AND BENEFITS:**

There are no known risks to your child from participating in testing the game. The only discomfort your child might experience is mild anxiety or frustration while playing the game if he or she is unable to answer the questions correctly and sections of the game have to be repeated. The Trainer is advised to terminate the session at any time the child exhibits clear signs of anxiety or frustration.

The benefits which may reasonably be expected to result from participating in testing the game are the opportunity to learn new songs and to improve his or her language skills through learning new words. This, however, is not guaranteed.

### **TIME INVOLVEMENT:**

Your child's participation in this experiment is estimated between 10 to 20 minutes per game session (including completing the assessment before and after), but can be halted at any moment with no problem if either the child or Trainer must discontinue for any reason. There is also no problem if the child would like to continue any session for a longer period. The number of times they will complete one game session will depend on the Trainer. To complete the study, they should complete as few as 6 sessions over the two weeks period.

**COMPENSATION:**

For completing the minimum required time involvement of 6 sessions and submitting the assessment results for those sessions, you will receive \$ 50 for the compensation and your child will receive free usage of the game once it is released to the public.

**SUBJECT'S RIGHTS:**

If you have read this form and have decided to allow your child to participate in this project, please understand your child’s participation is voluntary and your child has the right to withdraw his/her consent or discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which he/she is otherwise entitled (i.e. after having completed the minimum required time involvement of 6 sessions). Your child has the right to refuse to answer any particular questions.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:**

The researchers will consider your child’s records confidential to the extent permitted by law. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services may request to review and obtain copies of these records.

If you agree, your child’s identity will be connected to the data collected only as it is available to the PI and key researchers. Otherwise, your child’s individual privacy will be maintained in all published and written data resulting from the study and all identifying information will be removed before publishing or any other presentation of data.

**NON-DISCLOSURE**

As the Sing and Speak 4 Kids language learning game and program is still in testing phase and not yet available to the public, you agree that you will not share any information, documents, images, audiovisual, software files, or any other components of this game and program with third parties verbally, written or using any other modes of communication, other than to the present research team members.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about this study, its procedures, risks and benefits, please contact Dr. Hayoung A. Lim, Ph.D., MT-BC, LPMT at (918) 496-7505 and email at [hlim@oru.edu](mailto:hlim@oru.edu).

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