



**Boston College Parental Permission Form**  
**Language Learning Lab, Department of Psychology**  
**Parental Permission for a Child to Participate in a Study of Language Development**  
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Dear Parents,

At the Language Learning Laboratory, we are interested in how young children think and talk about the world that surrounds them. Through our research, we hope to better understand children's early linguistic abilities and how they change as children grow older. In addition, we hope to paint a clearer picture of development for parents and educators. We are writing to you to tell you about two studies we are currently conducting at [INSERT SCHOOL/DAYCARE] in [INSERT TIMEFRAME]. We find that studying children in schools and daycares is a very effective method of learning about children's development, and we have conducted a number of studies at similar locations in the past.

This study takes between 5 and 7 minutes. Most children enjoy the experience; however, if your child does not like the task for any reason, we will end the session early. When the study is complete, we will send you a letter describing our findings.

If you are interested in letting your child participate, please read and sign the enclosed permission form and return it to your school.

Thank you very much for your interest!

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