

SAMPLE ORAL CONSENT

“I would like to invite you to take part in a research study being conducted by [Principal Investigator’s name] who is a [professor / student] at Hampshire College, Amherst, MA, as part of his/her [name of research project]. I will describe the study, as well as your rights as a participant. Please feel free to ask me questions, request clarification, or request me to repeat information as we discuss the study and your rights.”

Description:

“This study will examine people’s reactions to a story in which two children argue over possession of a toy. You will watch the videotaped story and then answer questions posed by me about how they would resolve the situation depicted in the story and how they think each of the depicted characters feels in the story. “

Confidentiality:

“Your answers will be not be associated with your name unless you clearly indicate your agree to have us use your name. Rather, each participant will be given an identification number on the interviewer’s sheet. You will also be videotaped. The videotape of your participation will be destroyed after it has been transcribed.”

“ Do you agree to let the researchers use your real name in this research and any publications the results from the research?”

(note if consent is given or not)_____

“The audio/video collected will only be used for the purposes of research (e.g. analysis of responses, transcriptions of responses, etc.) and will not be available to anyone aside from the researcher. Do you agree to have yourself audio/videotaped for this interview?”

(note if consent is given or not)_____

Risks & Benefits:

“There are no risks to your safety if you participate. You may opt to preview the videotape or watch it. The story raises no sensitive or controversial issues. Because the interview engages participants in thinking about non-violent conflict resolution, there are potential benefits to your ability to handle real-life situations of conflict.”

Freedom to Withdraw or Refuse Participation:

“You have the right to stop watching the tape at any time, or to refuse to answer any of my questions without prejudice from me or others related to this research.”

Grievance Procedure:

“If you have any concerns or are dissatisfied with any aspect of this study you may report these concerns anonymously to the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board. I can provide you with a mailing address and/or phone number at anytime so you can report your concerns”

(Dean of Faculty Office, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA 01002, 413-559-5479)

Questions?

“Please feel free to ask me any questions before agreeing to participate in this study or at any time during or after the study.”

Informed Consent Statement

“Now that I have explained the study to you and answered questions to your satisfaction I would like to remind you that you have the right to withdraw from participating or refuse to participate. This right will be respected and your responses and identity will be kept confidential unless you have already indicated otherwise. Do you, _____, voluntarily agree to participate in the research project entitled, [Project Title]”?

(note if consent is given or not)_____

I, _____, certify as the research investigator that I have discussed the study and the participants rights as described above and have obtained oral consent for their participation.

Investigator Signature

Date

Principal Investigator: [Student/Faculty Name], [Division X student], Hampshire College;
Faculty Supervisor: [Faculty Name], [School of YYYY], [Office Number], [Building], Hampshire College, [559-xxxx].