



This study is being conducted to do research on accented speech. A small sample (approximately 20 seconds) of your speech will be recorded and made available on the internet. If you agree to participate you will be asked to answer a few questions and then read a 20-second paragraph into a tape recorder. Only the 30-second paragraph will be made available on the internet. There are no foreseeable risks or discomforts.

Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time and for any reason. There is no penalty for not participating or withdrawing. The personal benefits for participating include knowing that your speech sample may help linguistic researchers in their investigations of speech accent, and may provide some accent exposure to language teachers, students, actors, and engineers who work with language and speech.

There are no costs to you or to any other party.

All data collected in this study will be confidential; all person-identifiable data will be coded so that you cannot be identified. This study is being conducted by Steven H. Weinberger, Department of English at George Mason University. He can be reached at 703-993-1188 for questions or complaints. You may also contact the George Mason University Office of Sponsored Programs at 703-993-2295 if you have any questions or comments regarding your rights as a participant in this research.

This project has been reviewed according to George Mason University procedures governing your participation in this research.