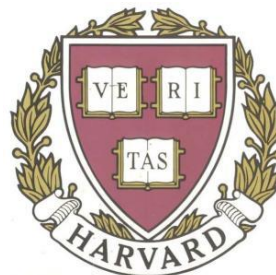


## LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

Harvard Lab for Developmental Studies



**Harvard University Lab for Developmental Studies is seeking both typically-developing and children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD/AS) for a study of language development.**

We hope that by discovering more about how language skills develop, we can help educators, speech professionals, and parents to support children's language development.

### **Who can participate?**

- \* Children 7 to 10 years old, whose first language is English.
- \* Our lab has other studies, with shorter tasks, for younger children too!
- \* If you're not sure if your child qualifies, we're happy to discuss it.

### **What does participation involve?**

\* Families come to our lab for two sessions, 2-3 hours each. Before the first session, we explain all the details of the study, and answer any questions you have. You can stay with your child the entire time.

\* Your child completes standardized assessments of basic language skills, as well as language tasks with an eye-tracker. The eye-tracker looks just like a computer monitor, and is safe to use with kids.

\* You complete a brief questionnaire about your child's social communication skills.

\* Between these first and second sessions, your child plays language games on our iTouch Application. We loan each family an iTouch for 3 weeks and the family must return the iTouch at the second session. Your child plays up to 30 minutes a day, 4-7 days a week. These games are very similar to the eye-tracker language tasks from the first and second sessions. You can observe your child the entire time.

\* At the end of the second session, we will again review all the details of the study, and again answer any questions you have.

### **What are the incentives?**

- \* Session 1 = \$50 Amazon.com gift card.
- \* Session 2 = \$100 Amazon.com gift card.
- \* **Free parking** is available during sessions, and we are near the Harvard Square T-stop.
- \* *Help us discover more about language development, and learn more about your child!*

**If you have any questions or are interested in participating, please contact our Lab Manager, Elizabeth Kaplan, at: [elizabethkaplan@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:elizabethkaplan@fas.harvard.edu) or (617) 496-7175.**

**Would your family like to participate in this study at our lab?**

*Please complete this information sheet,  
and mail it back to us in our business reply envelope.  
We'll contact you with more information. Thank you!*

**Child's Name:**

**Birth Date:**

**Child's Gender:** M F

**Full-term (36 weeks, or more):** Y N

**Parent Name(s):**

**Street Address:**

**City, State, Zip code:**

**Home Phone #:**

**Cell and/or Work Phone #:**

**E-mail Address:**

**Best time(s) to reach you:**

**Best method(s) to reach you:**

**Language(s) spoken at home:**

**Sibling Name(s) and Birth Date(s):**

Questions? Please contact us!  
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