



Dear Parent,

thank you for agreeing to record your interactions with your child. You understand that all sound sources will be recorded, with the researchers interested in the number and kind of messages said to and by your child and what kind of sounds are in the environment. This document helps you talk to visitors who might interact with your family while recording is being conducted.

Please conduct yourselves as normally as possible and feel free to keep your normal routine. If you are trying to decide what day to record, we suggest you select a day when family members are the primary communication partners. If you have guests in your home while recording please let them know the following information. Please read the next paragraph to each guest aloud, or allow each guest to read it for him/her self.

Info for Visitors to This Home:

My child and I are participating today in a study conducted by researchers at Boys Town National Research Hospital. The number of spoken messages that are said by adults and children to each other and the sound environment is what is being measured. My child is wearing a recording device from which the data will be counted and the sound will be recorded. The speech of our adult-child pair is what is of most interest to the researchers. It is possible, however that while you are here your voice and/or the voice of your children may be picked up by this audio recording device. Any speech that is recorded will later be tallied as either a child's spoken message or an adult's spoken message. No identifying information of anyone in your family will be analyzed. Should you agree to our keeping the recording device on, this will help the researchers gain a more accurate broad picture of how much language our child was exposed to today. If, for any reason, you would prefer to not have your voice or that of your children recorded, simply tell me and we will press the pause button during the time you are visiting in the same room as our child. In that case, we will write down that we had a visitor during that portion of our day. Please feel free to share your preference now, by selecting from the three options listed as I have promised the research team that we will respect your preferences.

Please select which option you want respected today:

- a. Please **leave the recording device on** during my visit and that of my child(ren). I understand that anything that my family says may be recorded.*

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- b. I choose not to participate and I will not interact with the child. That way, you won't need to interrupt data collection and I am assured that my family's voices won't be recorded.*
- c. please pause the recording device during my visit so that none of what I say is recorded by the recording device.*

Parent: after your guest makes a decision, be sure to log the time on the paper provided for this purpose. Thank you.

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