

Language Awareness in Young Deaf and Hearing Children

I am currently running a research study looking at how babies respond to unknown sign languages.

Looking for: Deaf and hearing infants ages 5-18 months old.



Procedure: During this study, we use a simple, engaging task to test your baby's awareness of the difference between two sign languages. We will meet online in a Zoom meeting and make sure that you and your child are comfortable and prepared. I will start showing short videos of unknown sign languages. There are two sets of videos and each set is around 4 minutes long. Your child's eye gaze to the videos will be recorded and later analyzed. We will ask you to fill out some background forms and answer some questions about your child's language experience. That's all!

If you choose to participate: We hope you are interested in learning more and supporting this exciting research. In order to participate, you must have a strong enough internet connection to be able to watch videos online, and a space in your home that is distraction-free for the 15-20 minutes that your child is watching the videos. **Parents will receive a \$20 gift card as thanks for their participation.**

What will we do with the data? This work is important for many reasons, but one reason is that it can help us understand the importance of early language exposure for deaf children, who are often not exposed to an accessible language from birth. The information gathered is confidential and we respect your rights to privacy. No images or identifying information will be used without your permission. When we complete the research, our findings will be discussed with other child language researchers and potentially written up for publication in academic journals. We hope the results will contribute to a greater understanding of language growth in deaf and hearing children.

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