

Description of the Study

It is well known that children's cognition develops rapidly throughout childhood. My research is trying to investigate some of the important changes in children's thinking, reasoning, and language ability through various research projects. Currently, the bulk of my research is focusing on how children's attention during a language learning episode affects their ability to learn different types of new words and on their development of other linguistic skills. Children's behavior in such areas will be compared to adults' to determine if children and adults are using similar strategies.

What will children be asked to do?

My tasks consist of short computer or card "games" to play with the researcher. Children will be individually interviewed for approximately 10-15 minutes. The "games" include simple reasoning or memory problems that are designed to investigate children's understanding of the underlying concepts of language, music, and science using a fun and non-pressured format. If at any point in the study a child is not interested in participating, he/she will *not* be forced to continue. The child will receive a small prize (e.g., sticker or stamp) and a diploma for his/her participation before returning to their classroom.

What do I do with the information?

Once the study is complete, I will mail a description of the study results directly to parents and to the school for teachers and school administration. The results will consist of a compilation of data from many children in the Newark area and will not include results for any individual child. I *do not* publish the names of children, parents or schools that participate in my studies. These findings help early childhood researchers at Ohio State make positive contributions to the fields of education, child development and psychology through journal articles and by allowing researchers to present their findings at national conferences. Please refer to my website for further information about my research (<https://u.osu.edu/hupp.34/>), and feel free to contact me (hupp.34@osu.edu or 740-366-9179) if you have any questions. I thank you for your participation.

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