



## INFORMATION for INFORMED CONSENT

Class Project: English Usage, 2020

I would ask you if you're interested in filling out a 10-minute online questionnaire on English language features for a UBC class project. In the questionnaire you will be asked how you pronounce certain words, what you call certain items and what constructions you use.

The questionnaire consists of two parts. In one part we would collect some information on your social background, such as your age, birthplace or your parents' birthplaces. You may be asked to self-identify your ethnicity. We need this information in order to spot trends in the language. The other part includes the linguistic questions. In most cases you will be offered a number of choices, so the process is really quick.

All data will be used for statistical analyses only and will not be linked to you personally. **If you decide to participate in the survey, please feel free to discontinue the survey at any time without providing any reasons.**

If you are interested, please connect to this link to start the survey: ENTER LINK.

If you have questions or concerns, you can ask me or you can contact my instructor:

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You will not directly benefit from this study, but your answers will assist us in spotting linguistic change and gain methodological insights. If you are interested in results, please contact me or my instructor in April 2020. Thanks for your consideration!

### STUDENT FIRST NAME

If you have any concerns or complaints about your rights as a research participant and/or your experiences while participating in this study, contact the Research Participant Complaint Line in the UBC Office of Research Ethics at 604-822-8598 or if long distance e-mail [RSIL@ors.ubc.ca](mailto:RSIL@ors.ubc.ca) or call toll free 1-877-822-8598.