



Example Assent Form: Child Participant

Study Title:

Principal Investigator:

Co-Investigator:

I am being asked to volunteer in the study “_____” to explore how _____ may help children explain what their experience of _____ is like.

I am being asked to meet one time with this researcher at a place we both decide we feel comfortable and safe with a parent present (this could include indoors or outdoors at: my home, or a private space in a local library).

In my meeting with the researcher, I will be asked to _____. Things I say will be recorded using a video camera and a tape recorder. The researcher will make sure that the video camera will only show my hands and not my face, so that I can keep who I am private. The researcher will make sure our meeting does not take longer than _____. I may choose to stop or withdraw from the research at any time.

I understand that:

- Any and all of my questions will be answered during the meeting, and I am free to consult with anyone (i.e., friend, family) about my decision to participate in the research.

I have been given a copy of this assent form to keep. By signing this form I agree to participate.

a) Researcher's Signature:

_____	_____	_____
Date	Researcher's Signature	Print Name

b) Signature of Participant:

_____	_____	_____
Date	Participant's Signature	Print Name

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My name is _____. I'm a doctoral student at Lesley University, and I want to learn about your experience with _____. I would like to invite you to be in this research study. I will explain what will happen if you decide to be in this research study.

I will meet with you to discuss your experience. There are no right or wrong answers, and you can say as much or as little as you want. Some of the questions might be uncomfortable because you might not have thought about them before. You can skip any questions you don't want to answer. We will meet in my office with the door open, and your parent will be outside no more than 15 feet away. I will be recording our interview so I can listen to it later. The only person who will listen to the recording is me. I will make sure our meeting does not take longer than _____. After all the interviews are finished, I will email your parents a short summary of what I discovered in the study so you can let me know what you think. You don't have to do this if you don't want to.

If you say something in our interview that you want your parents to know, you can tell me, and I will share this information with your permission. When I tell other people about my study, I will not use your name, and no one will be able to tell who I'm talking about.

Your parents said it's okay for you to be in this study. But if you don't want to be in it, you don't have to be. It is your decision. If you want to be in the study now but change your mind later, you can stop at any time. You can ask me questions about the study. If you have a question later, you can ask your parents to call me or send me an email.

Do you have any questions for me now? Would you like to be in my study and talk to me?

Name of Participant: _____ By signing this form I agree to participate.

Signature of Researcher

Date

Signature of Minor

Date

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