

Debriefing Form

Thank you for participating as a research participant in the present study concerning a lexical decision task with words and nonwords. The present study tests whether people are beginning to consider texting acronyms as words.

In this study, we presented you with a string of letters. There were three types of stimuli: words, non-words, and texting acronyms (shorthand forms of phrases commonly used in email or text messaging). We asked you to respond whether the string of letters was a word or nonword using keys on the keyboard. Your reaction time was recorded. We will examine whether the reaction times of participants was longer when presented with texting acronyms compared to the reaction times when presented with words or non-words that are not texting acronyms. We also examined whether there were more false alarms when presented with texting acronyms, (pressing “W” for word when presented with a texting acronym.) We believe that if there are slower reaction times and more misses for the stimuli designated as acronyms, it would mean that you are processing the letter strings as words or single entities.

If you have any complaints, concerns, or questions about this research, please feel free to contact XX (XX@nyu.edu).

Thank you very much for participating!