

Invitation to take part in an online research study For children **with** and **without** Developmental Language Disorder

**Are you the parent or guardian of a 7 or 8 year-old child?
Researchers at the University of Birmingham need your help to explore
children's language learning.**

Please tell me more...

Ashley Blake is a PhD Researcher from the University of Birmingham who is investigating individual differences in children's language development. In order to do this, Ashley is inviting children to take part in her research study.

Who can take part in the research study?

- Children with and without developmental language disorder.
- Children should be native speakers of English, aged between 7 and 9 years of age.
- Please be advised that we cannot include children with autism or ADHD in this particular study.

Where?

- At your home, the study is run virtually.
- There are only three sessions, which take place via the video call platform, Zoom (or a similar platform, if preferred).
- Parents and guardians are welcome to be present during the sessions.

What does it involve?

- 3 sessions via Zoom (approximately 45-50 minutes each).

Session 1: Your child will enjoy the Tower of Hanoi task.
Sessions 2 and 3: Your child will do language and cognitive tasks.

What will we need?

- Access to a computer, laptop or tablet for the duration of the calls.
- A stable Wi-Fi or mobile data connection.

Why participate?

- It is fun for your child, and it benefits scientific research! We hope to learn more about the differences in children's linguistic ability and learn more about ways in which we can help children with developmental language disorder.
- We will post a Tower of Hanoi puzzle to your child for use in the study, and it is theirs to keep afterwards. As a token of our thanks, we will send you a £10 Amazon voucher for your child, upon completion of the three research sessions.



How can I find out more information?

If you are interested in participating, please email Ashley on a.r.blake@bham.ac.uk

You can also find further information and watch a short video regarding the research on:
<https://ashley-blake.com>

This study has been approved by the Ethics Committee at the University of Birmingham.