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TEDS Engagement Study Information Sheet

We would like to invite you to take part in a study about your involvement with TEDS. This sheet will provide you with important information about what the study involves. If anything is unclear, or if you would like more information, please get in touch with the TEDS team.

What is the study about?

We would like to know more about which TEDS activities participants like and don't like, how best to contact people, and so on, so that we can try to tailor things well to your interests.

As an example, one recent study involved memorising pictures of faces and cars. As usual for our studies, there were some pairs of twins for whom one twin participated, and the other didn't. It would be very helpful for us to identify some of the most common reasons for this – e.g., whether some activities are more popular or manageable than others, whether certain times of year are more convenient than others, and so on.

We're writing to several twins to ask about these issues. Some people will be asked about their own experiences, and some about their twin's.

What does the study involve?

The entire study is conducted online, through a purpose-built website. You will be asked to complete a few simple questionnaires asking about your, or your twin's, interests and experiences with TEDS studies. The entire study takes around 5-10 minutes.

If you would like to participate, please go to <https://studies.teds.ac.uk/join/sd> and enter your ID number (from your invitation) when prompted. You will also be asked for your email address, so that we can send you your rewards (see below for details).

Please do the whole study in a single session if possible. If your session is interrupted, you can log in again later, but you may lose some of your progress.

Please don't use your browser's navigation buttons (e.g., Back or Refresh) during the study, as this could cause some of your progress to be lost. If you have any technical problems, try closing your browser and logging in again.

Rewards

To say thank you for taking part, we will send you (by email) a £10 Love2reward flexecode voucher, which can be used at a wide range of websites (Amazon, iTunes, Lovefilm, etc.). We will also hold a prize draw to win an iPad Mini. If you win, then you and your twin will each receive a prize – so your chances of winning are doubled if both you **and** your twin participate! The rewards are only available if you complete the whole study.

The deadline for the prize draw is Sunday 9th November.

Confidentiality

All the information you provide is for research purposes only, and will be kept strictly confidential. TEDS data are sometimes used in future studies and shared with other researchers, but only anonymously, with all personally identifiable information removed. The results of the study will be published in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

It is entirely up to you whether or not to participate. If you choose not to, it will not affect your future participation in TEDS. If you do participate, you can withdraw again at any time, without having to give a reason.

Queries?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email, or call our freephone line (details above).