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Instructions for “Prosodic boundary cues in L1/L2 Mandarin speech”

Explanation of the purpose of the study. This experiment is intended to identify the difference between L1 and L2 Mandarin speech in terms of prosodic boundary cues.

Expected duration of your participation. We expect that it will take half an hour to finish the study.

Foreseeable risks or discomforts. None.

Benefits. Although participating in this research will not benefit you directly, it is of general pedagogical benefit because it will help better understand L2 Mandarin speech.

Confidentiality. We assure you that your name will not be associated in any way with the research findings. Data collected from this experiment may be made available to other researchers, but all data will be preserved or distributed in a completely anonymous format – with no personal identification marks.

Participation is voluntary. Your participation is voluntary. Refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you would otherwise be entitled. You are free to withdraw consent at any time and to discontinue participation in the study without prejudice.

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Instructions. You will watch a speechless movie once (or twice, if you deem it necessary). After watching the movie, please retell the movie, as if you were talking to a friend who had never seen the movie. Your retelling will be recorded.

Before the experiment, you may ask any questions you may have about the experiment.