

Individual differences in emoji comprehension

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This is an invitation to take part in a research study investigating individual differences in emoji comprehension.

Before you decide if you wish to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being conducted and what it will involve. Please take the time to read the following information carefully.

If you participate, firstly, some demographic information (age etc.) will be collected, and then you will be required to read some scenarios and provide ratings on them. Each scenario will contain a short message sent by either a boss or a friend, with or without a smiling face emoji (😊). After reading each scenario, you will be asked to rate the message on three items: "How sarcastic is the message?" "How polite is the message?" and "How emotionally positive is the message".

The study will take about 25 minutes to complete.

Participation in this study is totally voluntary and you are under no obligation to take part. You are free to withdraw at any point before or during the study. All data collected will be kept confidential and used for research purposes only. It will be stored in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). As the experiment involves completing an online rating task, we are obliged to make you aware that there is always a potential risk of intrusion by outside agents, for example through hacking, and therefore the possibility of being identified.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Yunqing Xie (lpxyx1@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk) or Kexin Huang (alykh10@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk).

If you have any complaints about the study, please contact the Ethics Committee at LP-Ethics@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk