

Instruction Sheet

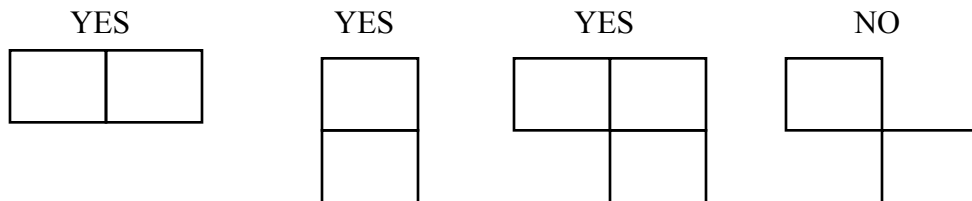
Welcome to the Department of Linguistics at Northwestern University! The experiment that you will be participating in today will last approximately 30 minutes.

People in the United States speak differently depending on where in the country they grew up. For example, people who grew up in the South sound different from people who grew up here in Chicago. We are interested in how well people can group talkers based on these differences due to regional background. In this experiment, you will be asked to make groups of talkers based on their regional accent.

On the screen, you will see 20 icons, representing 20 different talkers. The talkers come from several different parts of the United States. If you double-click the mouse button on an icon, you will hear that talker reading the sentence, "She had your dark suit in greasy wash water all year." If you single-click the mouse button on an icon, you will be able to drag that icon to the grid on the right.

Your task is to listen to each of the talkers and then make groups of talkers based on their accents. You may make as many groups as you want. Each group may have as many talkers as you want. You do *not* need to have the same number of talkers in each group. You can listen to the talkers as many times as you want and you can rearrange the icons until you are satisfied that you have grouped all of the talkers with the SAME accent into one group. There are no right or wrong answers in this task.

When grouping the icons, be sure that talkers in the SAME group are in squares that are touching as follows:



If you have any questions, please ask the experimenter now.

Thank you for participating in our experiment!