What are some general things you should know about research studies?
You are being asked to take part in a research study. Your participation in this study is voluntary. You have the right to be a part of this study, to choose not to participate or to stop participating at any time without penalty. The purpose of research studies is to gain a better understanding of a certain topic or issue. You are not guaranteed any personal benefits from being in a study. Research studies also may pose risks to those that participate. In this consent form you will find specific details about the research in which you are being asked to participate. If you do not understand something in this form it is your right to ask the researcher for clarification or more information. A copy of this consent form will be provided to you. If at any time you have questions about your participation, do not hesitate to contact the researcher(s) named above.

What is the purpose of this study?
The purpose of this study is to understand how people perceive choices in an interactive text-based adventure game. You must be 18 years or older to participate.

What will happen if you take part in the study?
If you agree to take part in this study, you will first be asked to fill out a demographic survey. You will then be asked to play an interactive text-based choose your own adventure game. In this type of game, you are presented text that describes an ongoing situation. In addition, you are presented with a discrete number of choices, each of which advances the situation in a unique way. Using your computer mouse, you will choose an option from the available choices, advancing the game, until the game finishes. After you are done playing, you will fill out several surveys that will assess your experience playing the game. This experiment is expected to last 15-25 minutes, depending on your reading speed.

Risks
Participating in this study presents no risk beyond every day computer use.

Benefits and Compensation
For your participation, you will receive no direct benefit, however, the knowledge that your data provides may be significant in understanding how humans make sense of choices in interactive settings. For participating in this study you will receive no compensation.

Confidentiality
The information in the study records will be kept confidential to the full extent allowed by law. Survey data will be stored securely in a password-protected database, accessible only by members of the research team.

What if you are a NCSU student?
Participation in this study is not a course requirement and your participation or lack thereof, will not affect your class standing or grades at NC State.

What if you have questions about this study?
If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact:
Rogelio E. Cardona-Rivera, at Campus Box 8206, NC State University, Raleigh, NC, 27695, recardon@ncsu.edu
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What if you have questions about your rights as a research participant?
If you feel you have not been treated according to the descriptions in this form, or your rights as a participant in research have been violated during the course of this project, you may contact Deb Paxton, Regulatory Compliance Administrator, Box 7514, NCSU Campus (919/515-4514).

Consent To Participate
“I have read and understand the above information. I am able to download a copy of this form. I agree to participate in this study with the understanding that I may choose not to participate or to stop participating at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which I am otherwise entitled.”

[Yes, I agree] [No, I do not agree]