

The following is a sample oral assent script for a research project involving young children when parental consent has already been given. It is an example of how a researcher can explain a project in simple language and explain to a child how s/he can proceed (or not).

ASSENT ORAL SCRIPT

Hi. My name is [insert name]. I am here today because I want to find out why/how kids with [describe inclusion criteria in simple terms and a short description of the purpose of the study]

Your Mom/Dad/Guardian has said yes to let me ask you some questions.

If you are willing answer my questions, INSERT A FEW (ONE TO THREE) SENTENCES EXPLAINING WHAT IS INVOLVED IN PARTICIPATION (e.g., we are going to play a bunch of quick computer games/do some puzzles/read some stories/I'm going to ask you some questions).

Some kids who answer these questions find them interesting, but sometimes they find them a bit hard/boring, but that's ok, just try your best.

[If the research is personal/sensitive] I am going to keep everything you say/do here private. Only you and I will know what you do/say here today. I'm not going to tell your parents/teachers.

If you don't want to answer my questions, that's ok. I won't mind. Even if you say yes, but change your mind later, just let me know and we can take a break or stop for good and it isn't a problem.

Do you have any questions?

Do you want to try to answer some questions?