



# Harvard University Language Study C on Chinese-English Bilingual Children & Children Adopted from China

▶ Do you have an 11-16 year old who falls into one of the three groups?

- 1) born in the U.S.
- 2) arrived in the U.S. before age 8
- 3) adopted from China before age 8

▶ Has your child been in the U.S. for 5 years or more if s/he immigrated to the U.S. or was adopted from China?

▶ Are you interested in learning more about your child's language outcomes?

At the Laboratory for Developmental Studies at Harvard University, we are investigating how early exposure to language(s) impact language progress and outcomes of children from Chinese-speaking immigrant families and children adopted from China. We are interested in the following questions:

- *Do children who were exposed to English at varying ages show different patterns in learning English?*
- *Does early exposure to Chinese give a child advantage in re-learning it?*

⌘ **What will you and your child do?**

Participating families will either visit our office at Harvard (parking provided), or will be visited in their home by a Harvard researcher. The study will take about 1 to 2.5 hours and can be arranged over 1-2 visits. The visits consist of:

1. pointing games - your child will choose the object/ picture that matches a word or phrase
2. listening games - your child will listen to speech sounds and distinguish between different sounds
3. reading games – your child will read some sentences and decide whether they are correct or not
4. Filling out a survey with questions about language(s) spoken at your household and language use patterns.

⌘ **What will you get in return?**

We provide you with gas money to cover the cost of traveling to Cambridge (if you visit our lab) and feedback about your child's progress, and your child gets \$10-\$30 for participating.

*If you are interested in learning more about the study, please e-mail us with your child's name, date of birth, date of arrival/adoption in the U.S. (if applicable), and language(s) spoken at your household.*

For more information, please contact us at:

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