



Research in the Lab at UNTHSC

This social story shows what it is like to participate in a research study in our lab at UNTHSC.

This story has pictures and words so that you will be prepared for things that you see and do in our lab.

Each research study is different. If you participate in one of our studies, some things may be a little different from what you see in this social story.



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Please review this social story before you visit our lab. You might want to review it with someone you trust, like a parent or a friend.

After you read this social story, you might have questions about science. You might also have questions about a specific research study that you are planning to do with us.

If you have questions, you can ask us on the phone (817-735-2312) or by email (autism@unthsc.edu).

Phase 1

Phase 1

You will arrive at the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC). The buildings might look like this:



Phase 1

Walk into the Center for BioHealth (CBH), and go to Room 114.



Phase 1

You will be helping a few people in this science experiment. Look for either Dr. Haylie Miller or Gabriela, as well as a few others there.



Gabriela (left) and Dr. Haylie Miller (right)

Phase 1

We will tell you about the study, and if you want to participate, you will sign a piece of paper called a “consent form”.

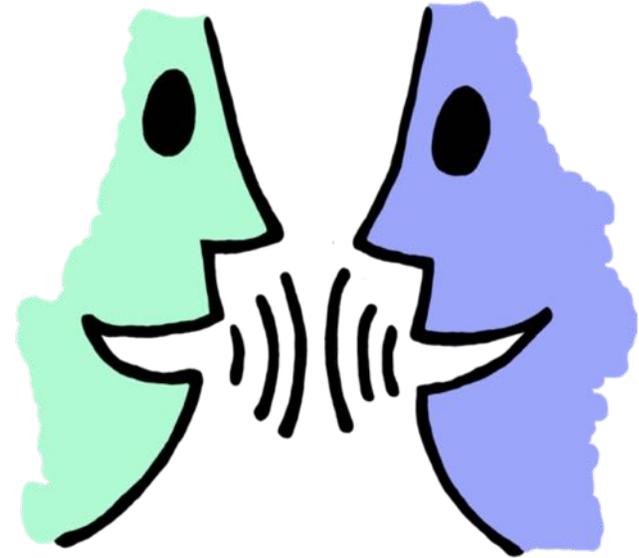
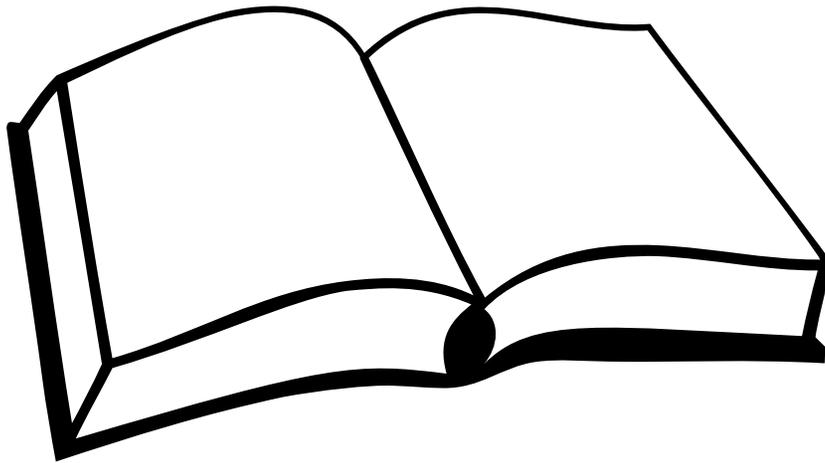
You do not have to sign this form if you do not want to be in our study.

You can say no at any time, and no one will be mad.



Phase 1

Next, you will talk to Dr. Miller for a while.
You might read a book, play with toys, or talk about things you like.
We want to get to know you better!



Phase 1

You are all done for this session!



Phase 2

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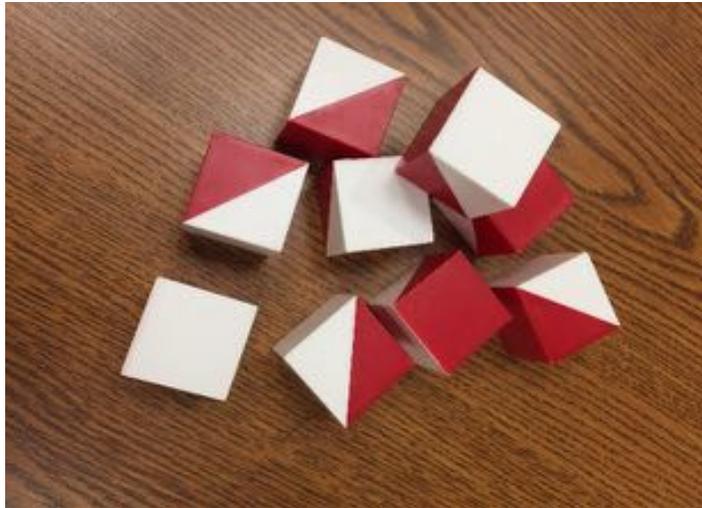
This phase will also take place at UNTHSC in the Center for BioHealth, Room 114. Remember the building and the room?



Phase 2

During this phase, you will play some games. You might play with blocks, draw pictures, walk on a line, or hop on some mats.

You can take a break in between games if you need to .



Phase 2

You are all done with session 2. We will see you again soon



Phase 3

Phase 3

You will return to the UNTHSC Center for BioHealth.
You will be in a different part of the building this time, in Room 404.



Phase 3

During this visit, we will measure your height and weight.
We will also see how fast you walk.



Phase 3

We will check your eyes using this machine.
All you have to do is sit in a chair and look at the smiley face!



Phase 3

To play our games, first you have to put on some stretchy clothes and a harness. This harness helps keep you safe!



Phase 3

Next, we will put some special dots on you.

One dot will go on the back of your neck.

These dots let us see how your body moves when you play our games.



Phase 3

You will put on a special pair of glasses. These glasses help us see how your eyes move. Try not to touch the glasses once they are on.



Phase 3

You will step onto a platform.
We will harness you in to keep you safe!



Phase 3

Now it's time to play some games!
In these games, you will move your eyes and your body to play.
First, we might ask you to lean your body like this:



Phase 3

There will be instructions to teach you how to play the games. In our games, you might see balls, rectangles, fireworks, or ducks.



Phase 3

You might play a game where you lean your body side to side.
For this game, we will ask you to keep your feet flat on the floor.
Be careful not to move your feet!



Phase 3

You might play a game where you knock down ducks with a plastic gun.
This gun can not hurt you, it is just for pretend.



Phase 3



You might come back to play our games one, two, or maybe even three times.

You might even get to play with a robot!

Phase 3

You are all done! Great job, thank you for playing!
You helped us learn more about how eyes and bodies move together.

