

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY And Disorders

Lingo Lab Newsletter: Summer 2019



Our lab thanks you!

Thank you for your amazing commitment to autism research. Over 40 families have taken time out of their busy schedules to visit the Lingo Lab! This work would truly not be possible without your support.

Uncovering hidden knowledge

As you may remember, children who visit the Lingo Lab watch eye-tracking "movies" that present pictures and related words.

Eye tracking is useful because it shows what children understand without requiring them to answer



"Where's the doggie?"

questions, follow directions, or point to pictures—things that can be difficult for children on the autism spectrum.

This research has shown that eye movements can reveal emerging knowledge of words that children with autism were thought not to understand.

Lingo Lab in the News

Our research was recently featured in a news article on Research@MSU. Click to find out more:



Venker Receives NIH Award for Research on Autism and Language Development



Sharing our science

Jessie Magalski and Rachel Houtteman presented research findings at the 2019 Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference.

This study confirmed the feasibility of using multiple video cameras to measure what young children with autism see and hear while playing with their parents.

Help Spread the Word!

We are still looking for at least 25 more families of children with autism to visit the lab. Visit our website for more information: https://lingolab.msu.edu/ The Lingo Lab is recruiting families for an NIH-funded research study. Our goal is to better understand how children learn language. Families will receive a minimum of \$20/hr. We're looking for:

2 to 5-year-old children ^{with} **autism**

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For more information, or to find out if your child is eligible, contact us at: lingolab@msu.edu 517-884-8869

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