

# Stammering Research Project: Call for Participants

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## The Project

Dr Matthew Moreland and Dr David Ward of the University of Reading are seeking participants to participate in a study exploring patterns of disfluency in adults with stammers. The study is designed to assess very specific types of language. There is no direct benefit to participants, but the study should give speech and language therapists and researchers a better idea of factors that do or do not induce different types of disfluency. The study is being conducted as part of Dr Moreland's speech and language therapy qualification.

## Who can take part?

This study is looking for two groups of people. If you meet either list, we would greatly appreciate your involvement:

Group 1	Group 2
Stammer started as an adult (since age 18)	Stammer started before age 8
Stammer started without known or suspected neurological cause (stroke, head injury etc)	Stammer has not been affected by any head trauma or emotional trauma
Over 18 years of age	Over 18 years of age
No uncorrected visual impairment	No uncorrected visual impairment
No dyslexia	No dyslexia

## What it involves

If you respond to this post, we will send you an information sheet with more details. If you wish to proceed, we will arrange a meeting with you at the University of Reading. After talking through the consent form, those who agree to participate will be taken to a quiet room. You will be video-recorded reading aloud a short story and answering an unrelated question. Finally, we turn off the camera and give you a short questionnaire about your experiences of stammering. The entire process should take no more than 90 minutes.

## How can I get involved?

If you would like to take part or find out more, please contact us giving your name, email or postal address and the criteria set you meet (Group 1 or Group 2). Contacting us does not commit you to anything and you may withdraw at any time. You can contact us by:

- Emailing Dr Matthew Moreland: [m.l.moreland@student.reading.ac.uk](mailto:m.l.moreland@student.reading.ac.uk)
- Sending a postcard to: Stammering Research Project, c/o Dr David Ward, Department of Clinical Language Sciences, University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading, RG6 6AA.
- Telephoning Dr David Ward at the University of Reading: 0118 378 4689

*This project has been reviewed by the University of Reading Research Ethics Committee and has been given a favourable ethical opinion for conduct.*