This assent template provides an outline to follow when creating an assent script that will be read to children under eight years old. Key information will vary from study to study, so the template language should be modified accordingly. This script should be contain very simplistic language that will be easy for the child to understand.

The following elements must be included in the assent script:

* Purpose statement of the research
* Description of research procedures that the child will engage in
* Description of potential risks, if present
* Description of benefits, if present
* Statement that the child is free to withdraw at any time
* An offer to answer all questions

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**\*\*\*To be eligible for review the template cannot include this first informational page and all shaded text must be either replaced or deleted before submitting\*\*\***

*Please read the following script to the child:*

My name is [name]. I’m a teacher and I want to learn about [topic of research in very simplified language].

I am asking children your age to [very simplified description of what the child will do]. You do not have to do this if you don’t want to. Nobody will be upset. You can also say yes and then change your mind later. That’s okay. If that happens, we will stop.

Do you have any questions?

Do you want to [activity child will do]?

*The child must actively indicate “yes” to continue. If the child doesn’t respond, hesitates, expresses discomfort, or is emotionally distraught, researchers cannot proceed.*