

APPENDIX E

VERBATIM INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS

"Hello, my name is Elmarie and this is Elaine and that is Yasmin. We work at the Centre for AAC on campus and we work primarily with people who have little or no functional speech. That means that they have less than 15 words that they can use functionally. If you consider that young adults, like yourselves, have between 20,000 and 22,000 words in your vocabulary, you can imagine that 15 words does not go a very long way when you're trying to communicate your thoughts about the world. There are existing software packages that were developed for people with little or no functional speech, that are based on pictures. However, these packages were developed in the US and UK and are not necessarily appropriate for South Africans. We are doing a research project to gain information as to what will be appropriate for South Africans. We need you to make associations with pictures according to 13 questions on a questionnaire. I complete the questionnaire in about 6 minutes, so it should take you about 10 minutes to complete it. Those of you who choose not take part in this research project, are asked to please leave the room now. When you have completed the questionnaire, please hand it back to any of us."