Observation

A non-participant observation was carried out during a 1 hour play session at a local nursery. Twelve children (6 boys and 6 girls) aged between 3 and 4 were observed. The observation took place on a Monday morning. The observer was interested in the type of toys with which boys and girls play. Before the study took place the toys were classed as being either action or non-action toys. The toys with which the children played were noted by the observer.

**Action Toys Non-action Toys**

Action-man Teddy bear

Cars Jigsaw

Train Colouring equipment

Toy soldiers Reading books

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| **Gender** | **Action** | **Non-action** |
| boys | 142 | 7 |
| girls | 21 | 181 |

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