Observation

A psychologist was interested in how gender affects young children’s interactions with each

other. The psychologist measured aggressive and non-aggressive play by carrying out a nonparticipant observation of a group of twenty children as they played in a park on a Saturday morning. The psychologist observed same gender and opposite gender play. The sample was chosen using opportunity sampling.

The results from the observation are shown below.

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| **Situation** | **Aggressive play** | **Non-aggressive play** |
| **Same gender** | 12 | 14 |
| **Opposite gender** | 2 | 8 |

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