

Table 1 Children's favourite activities as reported by parents and children by age and sex

Activity	Age 7 years %	Age 9 years %	Boys %	Girls %	Total %
<i>Watching TV</i>					
Parents	23.4	20.6	25.3	18.6	22.0
Children	13.6	11.1	8.8	16.4	12.3
<i>Football</i>					
Parents	10.9	18.3	25.8	2.2	14.4
Children	17.4	27.9	34.9	8.2	22.3
<i>Playing in street</i>					
Parents	11.9	12.8	10.1	14.8	12.3
Children	6.6	6.6	3.2	10.5	6.6
<i>Playing with friends</i>					
Parents	12.4	8.9	6.1	15.8	10.8
Children	7.4	5.3	6.0	6.8	6.4
<i>Drawing/reading</i>					
Parents	10.0	7.8	4.5	13.7	8.9
Children	5.8	5.8	1.2	10.9	5.8
<i>Cycling</i>					
Parents	7.5	7.2	9.1	5.5	7.3
Children	14.5	11.9	15.1	10.9	13.2
<i>Computer</i>					
Parents	7.0	6.1	9.6	3.3	6.6
Children	9.5	8.4	13.5	3.6	8.9
<i>Playing with toys</i>					
Parents	5.0	4.4	3.0	6.6	4.7
Children	14.0	6.2	6.8	14.1	10.2
<i>Other sports</i>					
Parents	4.0	6.1	4.0	6.0	5.0
Children	1.7	4.0	1.6	4.1	2.8
<i>Other indoor play</i>					
Parents	3.0	3.9	0.5	6.6	3.4
Children	2.5	0.9	1.6	1.8	1.7
<i>Other outdoor play</i>					
Parents	2.0	2.8	2.0	2.7	2.4
Children	4.5	7.1	4.4	7.3	5.8
<i>Total number of parents^a</i>	402	360	396	366	762
<i>Total number of children^a</i>	484	452	498	438	936

^aTotals less than 942 are due to missing data on questionnaires.