

# The Socialisation of Children

## Development Exercises

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Choose one or more of these exercises to develop your work.

1. Do a small survey of people you know to find out what they think of smacking children as a punishment.

Write it up in the following way:

- Why is this an important question to ask?
  - What did you do and who did you ask?
  - What did you discover?
  - What kinds of things could have affected the results?
2. Make a collection of pictures of toys cut out from magazines. What could children learn from each of the toys that you have chosen?
  3. Design a simple game to teach children to look after other people and to be kind.
  4. What rules would you teach your children if they are going to grow up to be kind? Think of ten rules that you think are important and explain why they are.
  5. Use the Internet or books to find out more about the lives of children in the past. How were they different from modern children?
  6. Talk to old people about their childhoods. How were their lives different from yours?

