Interview script

Note: The order of Section 1 and Section 2 will be randomized across the participants.

Hello! My name is Kerrie and I’ve brought {assistant’s name} with me today. We are from Texas State University, and we’re here to ask you a few questions about how you play. We’re interested in what you have to say, so just try to answer the questions as honestly as possible. Is that ok? Great!

First of all, what is your name?

Hello {child’s name}.

How old are you {child’s name}?

What month is your birthday?

Great! Now I would like to ask you some questions about your play with other kids at school.

Section 1:

Yesterday, did you play with other children at school?

Who did you play with?

When you were playing with {whomever} yesterday, did you play indoors or outside?

When you were playing {indoors/outside} with {name of friends} yesterday, what did you do?

(*Try to get them to describe in detail the nature of their play. This is to get a measure of the kind of play in which they were engaged*)

When did you do this? (During recess, lunch, etc.)

Yesterday, how long did you play {indoors/outside} with {name of friends}?

What do you like best about playing with {name of friends}?

Is there anything you don’t like about playing with {name of friends}?

What about after school? Yesterday, did you play with other children after school? (On the way home? At home? At a friend’s house?)

When you were playing {choose place} with {name of friend} yesterday, what did you do?

Section 2:

Now I’d like to ask you some questions about computer and video games.

Do you have a computer at home?

Do you ever play games on the computer?

What games do you play on this?

What about gaming systems? Do you have any at home?

Do you ever play these games with other people? Who do you play them with?

Yesterday, did you play any of these games?

Which games did you play yesterday?

Just for yesterday, how long do you think you played {name of game}?

What time did you start playing yesterday?

What time did you stop playing yesterday?

What do you like best about playing computer or video games?

Is there anything you don’t like about playing video games?

Are you involved in any sports?

And one last question: If you could spend all day doing one thing, what would it be?

Thank you very much {name of child}. Those were some great answers! You’ve been really helpful. Here is a gift to say thank you for all your help today (book or t-shirt).