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Questions

a) What is the obstacle when interviewing specific groups of participants, such as children in this case?

It is hard to find an enjoyable and attractive topic for children because their attraction and focus can easily distract. Also, they can be reluctant to give information in particular strangers. In such this case, researchers should go level of children so they can understand what children mean. They need to prepare tools based on their thoughts. In this article, they wisely developed a game with three main benefits. Within this method, the researchers manage to get information about the world of children without any hesitation.

b) In your view, how easy to learn and apply this method is? Why?

I believe that this method is very modern because it aims the highest participant percentage for research from children. The game is well-organized and it includes a variety cognitive inquiry. Even researchers do not internalize the game but the idea behind this game is better than conventional methods. Therefore, I think it is easy to learn and to apply.

c) In the challenging times of not being able to physically interact with users, how interviews can be adapted for remote data collection? Think about what the differences between face-to-face and remote ways are and how to take those into account. For example, how about eye contact?

I believe that remote interviews more efficient than physically interact interviews. Because some people can feel under stress with physical interaction. For this reason, it is better being a familiar environment with their own so they can feel relax. In face-to-face interviews, sometimes the person who interviewed can think about interviewer reaction while answering the questions. It may cause not a genuine response from the interviewed person. In a remote way, interviews can happen with an open camera open a microphone and also if it is possible with a dedicated server.