

Table A.1. *Missing Overview*

	Missing (%)
Mother's reading frequency – Wave 3	0.01
Father's reading frequency – Wave 3	9.34
Anyone else reads to child	None
Mother NVQ	10.39
Father NVQ	16.61
Difference in NVQ of mothers and fathers	21.98
Suffering from mental health problems – Wave 3	13.18
Mother's intensive parenting views	1.83
Father's intensive parenting views	11.62
Mother's gender ideology score	1.88
Father's gender ideology score	11.70
Mother's style of parenting	2.73
Father's style of parenting	16.03
Mother's ethnic background	0.25
Father's ethnic background	9.35
Mother's working hours	None
Father's working hours	None
Frequency mother works after 6 pm	None
Child female	None
Child's age (in years and months) – Wave 3	None
Age child entered child care	6.08
Child understood speaking in own language by family/friends	None
Other concerns about health/development	None
Number of siblings	None
Grandparent in household	None
OECD poverty indicator	0.14

Source: own calculations based on MCS, Wave 1 to 3. $N = 8,071$.

Table A.2. *Weighted Descriptive Statistics*

	Mean / Percentage	Standard error	Range
<i>Mother's reading frequency – Wave 3</i>			1 – 4
Rarely	4.03	0.00	
Once or twice a week	13.08	0.00	
Regularly	29.35	0.01	
Every day	53.54	0.01	
<i>Father's reading frequency – Wave 3</i>			1 – 4
Rarely	17.35	0.01	
Once or twice a week	33.01	0.01	
Regularly	34.44	0.01	
Every day	15.20	0.00	
<i>Anyone else reads to child</i>			0 – 1
No	6.76	0.00	
Yes	93.24	0.00	
<i>Mother NVQ</i>			1 – 5
NVQ Level 1	6.79	0.00	
NVQ Level 2	30.64	0.01	
NVQ Level 3	17.17	0.01	
NVQ Level 4	40.22	0.01	
NVQ Level 5	5.18	0.00	
<i>Father NVQ</i>			1 – 5
NVQ Level 1	6.71	0.00	
NVQ Level 2	30.30	0.01	
NVQ Level 3	17.30	0.01	
NVQ Level 4	38.13	0.01	
NVQ Level 5	7.57	0.01	
<i>Difference in NVQ of mothers and fathers</i>			0 – 2
Equal NVQ	42.58	0.01	
Mother lower NVQ	29.16	0.01	
Father lower NVQ	28.26	0.01	
<i>Suffering from mental health problems – Wave 3</i>			0 – 3
No one	65.71	0.01	
Only mother	13.31	0.00	
Only father	14.85	0.01	
Both	6.13	0.00	
Mother's intensive parenting views	0.00	0.01	-8.36 – 0.61
Father's intensive parenting views	0.00	0.01	-8.94 – 0.63
Mother's gender ideology score	-0.02	0.02	-2.72 – 2.75
Father's gender ideology score	-0.03	0.02	-2.47 – 2.74
<i>Mother's style of parenting</i>			0 – 1
Other	54.63	0.01	
Firm discipline and lots of fun	45.37	0.01	
<i>Father's style of parenting</i>			0 – 1
Other	45.73	0.01	
Firm discipline and lots of fun	54.27	0.01	
<i>Mother's ethnic background</i>			1 – 4
White	92.08	0.01	
Asian	5.72	0.01	
Black	1.16	0.00	

Other	1.03	0.00	
<i>Father's ethnic background</i>			1 – 4
White	92.49	0.01	
Asian	4.95	0.01	
Black	1.36	0.00	
Other	1.20	0.00	
Mother's working hours	13.49	0.25	0 – 100
Father's working hours	36.00	0.40	0 – 100
<i>Frequency mother works after 6 pm</i>			1 – 5
Every day	4.90	0.00	
Every week	15.76	0.00	
At least once per month	5.15	0.00	
Less than once a month	4.27	0.00	
Never	69.93	0.01	
<i>Child female</i>			0 – 1
No	50.79	0.01	
Yes	49.21	0.01	
Child's age (in years and months) – Wave 3	5.20	0.01	4.41 – 6.13
Age child entered child care	2.56	0.01	0 – 4.75
<i>Child understood speaking in own language by family/friends</i>			1 – 3
Mostly	92.43	0.00	
Sometimes	6.37	0.00	
Rarely	1.20	0.00	
<i>Other concerns about health/development</i>			0 – 1
No	92.02	0.00	
Yes	7.98	0.00	
Number of siblings	1.18	0.01	0 – 10
<i>Grandparent in household</i>			0 – 1
No	97.69	0.00	
Yes	2.31	0.00	
<i>OECD poverty indicator</i>			0 – 1
Above 60% median	84.41	0.01	
Below 60% median	15.59	0.01	

Note. Millennium Cohort Study, variables from Waves 1 to 3. Data on household level.
N = 8,071. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Table A.3. *Results of Ordered Logistic Regressions for Mothers' and Fathers' Reading Frequency (Full Table).*

VARIABLES	Maternal reading frequency			Paternal reading frequency		
	<i>B</i>	<i>SE B</i>	<i>OR</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>SE B</i>	<i>OR</i>
Mother's egalitarian gender ideology	-0.02	0.04	0.98	0.02	0.04	1.02
Father's egalitarian gender ideology	-0.01	0.04	0.99	0.06 ⁺	0.04	1.06 ⁺
Child female	0.02	0.08	1.03	0.00	0.06	1.00
<i>Mother NVQ (Ref. Level 1)</i>						
Level 2	0.17	0.16	1.19			
Level 3	0.39*	0.17	1.48*			
Level 4	0.61***	0.16	1.85***			
Level 5	0.82***	0.23	2.28***			
<i>NVQ diff. (Ref. Equal NVQ)</i>						
Mother lower NVQ	0.14 ⁺	0.08	1.15 ⁺	-0.22	0.08	0.80**
Father lower NVQ	-0.04	0.09	0.96	0.15	0.08	1.16 ⁺
<i>Father NVQ (Ref. Level 1)</i>						
Level 2				0.02	0.14	1.02
Level 3				0.44**	0.15	1.55**
Level 4				0.68***	0.15	1.98***
Level 5				1.13***	0.18	3.10***
Mother's agreement with intensive parenting views	0.13***	0.03	1.14***	0.07*	0.03	1.07*
Father's agreement with intensive parenting views	0.10**	0.04	1.11**	0.17***	0.04	1.19***
<i>Mental health problems (Ref. No parent)</i>						
Only mother	-0.33**	0.12	0.72**	-0.19 ⁺	0.11	0.83 ⁺
Only father	0.10	0.11	1.10	-0.31***	0.08	0.74***
Both parents	-0.67***	0.16	0.51***	-0.20	0.14	0.82
Mother's work hours	-0.01***	0.00	0.99***	0.00	0.00	1.00
Father's work hours	0.00	0.00	1.00	-0.01***	0.00	0.99***
<i>Mother's parenting style (Ref. Other)</i>						
Firm discipline plus lots of fun	0.08	0.07	1.09	0.10	0.06	1.10
<i>Father's parenting style (Ref. Other)</i>						
Firm discipline plus lots of fun	0.04	0.07	1.04	-0.08	0.06	0.93
<i>Mother's ethnic background (Ref. White)</i>						
Asian	-0.37	0.35	0.69	0.36	0.22	1.43
Black	-0.62	0.82	0.54	0.24	0.34	1.27
Other	-0.77**	0.39	0.46**	0.84**	0.33	2.32**
<i>Father's ethnic background (Ref. White)</i>						

<i>White)</i>						
Asian	0.22	0.31	1.24	-0.87***	0.27	0.42***
Black	0.09	0.63	1.09	-1.10***	0.29	0.33***
Other	0.14	0.41	1.15	-0.29	0.31	0.75
Child's age (in years and months)	0.11	0.15	1.11	0.03	0.14	1.03
Grandparent in Household	-0.14	0.20	0.87	-0.41	0.28	0.67
OECD poverty indicator	-0.22*	0.12	0.81*	-0.17	0.13	0.84
Number of siblings	-0.37***	0.04	0.69***	-0.37***	0.04	0.69***
Age child entered child care	0.05	0.03	1.05	0.06*	0.03	1.06*
Someone else reads to child	0.20	0.20	1.22	1.35***	0.16	3.85***
<i>Frequency mother works after 6 pm (Ref. Never)</i>						
Less than once a month	0.01	0.18	1.01	0.21	0.15	1.23
At least once per month	0.14	0.17	1.15	0.14	0.13	1.15
Every week	-0.17*	0.09	0.84*	0.15*	0.09	1.16*
Every day	-0.07	0.16	0.93	0.19	0.16	1.20
Other concerns about health/development	0.00	0.14	1.00	-0.08	0.11	0.92
<i>Child understood speaking in own language by family/friends (Ref. Rarely)</i>						
Sometimes	0.44	0.42	1.56	-0.60	0.41	0.60
Mostly	0.26	0.41	1.30	-0.51	0.38	0.55
Constant cut1	-2.54**	0.92		-1.39 ⁺	0.80	
Constant cut2	-0.81	0.92		0.48	0.81	
Constant cut3	0.82	0.92		2.41**	0.80	
<i>Complete DF</i>		383			383	
Observations		4,534			4,534	

⁺ $p < .10$. * $p < .05$. ** $p < .01$ *** $p < .001$.

Table A.4. Average Marginal Effects of Main Predictors.

	Rarely		Once or twice a week		Regularly		Every day	
	Mother	Father	Mother	Father	Mother	Father	Mother	Father
<i>Egalitarian gender ideology (z-standardized)</i>								
+ 1	0.00	-0.01 ⁺	0.00	-0.01 ⁺	0.00	0.01 ⁺	0.00	0.01 ⁺
+ SD	0.00	-0.01 ⁺	0.00	-0.01 ⁺	0.00	0.01 ⁺	0.00	0.01 ⁺
Marginal	0.00	-0.01 ⁺	0.00	-0.01 ⁺	0.00	0.01 ⁺	0.00	0.01 ⁺
<i>Child female</i>								
Yes vs. No	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
<i>NVQ</i>								
Level 2 vs. Level 1	-0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.04	0.00
Level 3 vs. Level 1	-0.01*	-0.06**	-0.04*	-0.05**	-0.04*	0.06**	0.09*	0.05**
Level 4 vs. Level 1	-0.02**	-0.08***	-0.06**	-0.08***	-0.06***	0.08***	0.14***	0.08***
Level 5 vs. Level 1	-0.02**	-0.12***	-0.08**	-0.14***	-0.09***	0.10***	0.19***	0.15***
Level 3 vs. Level 2	-0.01*	-0.05***	-0.02*	-0.04***	-0.02*	0.05***	0.05*	0.05***
Level 4 vs. Level 2	-0.01***	-0.08***	-0.04***	-0.08***	-0.05***	0.08***	0.10***	0.08***
Level 5 vs. Level 2	-0.02***	-0.11***	-0.06***	-0.14***	-0.08**	0.10***	0.15***	0.15***
Level 4 vs. Level 3	-0.01*	-0.03*	-0.02*	-0.03*	-0.03*	0.02*	0.05*	0.03*
Level 5 vs. Level 3	-0.01*	-0.06***	-0.04*	-0.09***	-0.05*	0.05***	0.10*	0.11***
Level 5 vs. Level 4	0.00	-0.04***	-0.02	-0.06***	-0.03	0.02***	0.05	0.07***
<i>NVQ difference</i>								
Mother lower NVQ vs. Equal NVQ	0.00 ⁺	0.03**	-0.01 ⁺	0.02**	-0.02 ⁺	-0.02**	0.03 ⁺	-0.03**
Father lower NVQ vs. Equal NVQ	0.00	-0.02 ⁺	0.00	-0.02 ⁺	0.00	0.01 ⁺	-0.01	0.02 ⁺
Father lower NVQ vs. Mother lower NVQ	0.01 ⁺	-0.04***	0.02 ⁺	-0.04***	0.02 ⁺	0.04***	-0.04 ⁺	0.05***
<i>Agreement with intensive parenting views (z-standardized)</i>								
+ 1	0.00***	-0.02***	-0.01***	-0.02***	-0.02***	0.02***	0.03***	0.02***
+ SD	0.00***	-0.02***	-0.01***	-0.02***	-0.01***	0.01***	0.03***	0.02***
Marginal	0.00**	-0.02***	-0.01***	-0.02***	-0.01***	0.02***	0.03***	0.02***
<i>Mental health problems</i>								
Only mother vs. No parent	0.01*	0.02 ⁺	0.03*	0.02 ⁺	0.04**	-0.02 ⁺	-0.08**	-0.02 ⁺
Only father vs. No parent	0.00	0.04**	-0.01	0.03***	-0.01	-0.03**	0.02	-0.04***
Both parents vs. No parent	0.03**	0.02	0.07***	0.02	0.06***	-0.02	-0.16***	-0.02
Only father vs. Only mother	-0.01*	0.01	-0.04**	0.01	-0.05**	-0.01	0.10**	-0.01
Both vs. Only mother	0.01	0.00	0.04 ⁺	0.00	0.03 ⁺	0.00	-0.08 ⁺	0.00
Both vs. Only father	0.03**	-0.01	0.08***	-0.01	0.07***	0.01	-0.18***	0.01

Note. + 1 = Change in prediction as a variable changes from its observed value to its observed value plus 1.

+ SD = Change in prediction as a variable changes one standard deviation from its observed value.

+ Marginal = Marginal change (partial derivative or instantaneous rate of change).

Especially for continuous variables, it has to be kept in mind that marginal effects do not remain constant, as they are based on a non-linear function. Depending on where along the curve one chooses to examine the marginal effect of a specific variable, it might be almost constant, or it might be changing quickly.

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