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1 **Effects of Screen Time on Children**

Scientific Inquiry Draft

Scientific evidence suggests that every four school-aged youngsters have growing delays or impairments like trouble collaborating, dialectal problems, decreased motor abilities, and emotional complications. Too much screen time is viewed as one of the most precarious threat factors for youngsters' early growth. According to Cerniglia and Cimino (2020), children who spend about 2 hours on screens have decreased rational, reasoning proficiency, and phonological processing skills. Furthermore, the study discovered that youngsters who spend more than 7 hours on screens had a thinner cortex, which is essential for reasoning and critical thinking. Young children, especially those under the age of three, go through fast cognitive, emotional, behavioral, and physical changes. In general, youngsters learn from their surroundings through watching adults, particularly their parents, at work. Excessive screen usage might limit a teenager's capability to participate in unique daily activities, causing a limitation of their overall desires in non-screen activities and facts.

Similarly, concerning language improvement, it is very well recognized that a kid acquires language skills when communicating or playing with grownups. A reciprocal dialogue with grownups, including emotional input and facial expressions, is considerably extra advantageous for a youngster's language improvement than the single participation with displays. According to research, children who spend more time on screens have lower attentiveness and responsiveness and do worse on reading tests. Excessive screen time has a variety of consequences on the emotional behavior development of children. Extensive dependency on digital broadcasting could limit their capacity to imagine and encourage themselves. For their heightened screen addiction, youngsters are less prone to be delighted by those in their

immediate surroundings, leading to frustration, apprehension, and impulsive conduct. Significantly, far more blue light from displays promote sleep deficiency by suppressing melatonin production, the sleep hormone. Consequently, a child's intellectual development may be hampered. According to studies, children aged between 6-12 months may develop sleep disorders at night when they are increasingly subjected to screens during the evening.

Analytical Inquiry Draft

According to a study involving 2441 children aged 2–5, excessive screen usage in toddlers aged 2–3 years is linked to poor performance on developmental screening tests. Analytical analysis suggests that children from low-income families may have disproportionately high levels of screen media exposure. On a usual routine, 95% of 2-year-olds and 82% of 1-year-olds who participated watched Television and videos (Przybylski & Weinstein, 2019). With age, the typical quantity of display time grew. For example, 1-year-olds watched videos or Television for a minimum of 10 hours every week, while 2-year-olds watched Television or videos for about 15 hours per week. Other studies show that viewing more Television in early childhood predicts watching more Television later in life.

On the contrary, the digital ecosystem is changing faster than studies into the consequences of display media on young children's growth, education, and private life. Some critics argue that quality television, well-designed, age-appropriate shows by defined informative objectives offer an extra avenue to early learning development for youngsters beginning around two years. Likewise, features of cognitive growth, such as favorable racial boldness and resourceful play, are also aided by good programming. Early data proposes that collaborative media, particularly applications requiring contingent reactions from grownups, such as opportune responses to a child's actions or utterances, can assist children in remembering what they have

been taught. Therefore, when this responsiveness is combined with age-appropriate material, effectiveness, and passion of action, 24-month-olds could learn novel words.

Level 1 Question

What is the most harmful threat of increased screen time on children?

Level 2 Question

Why do children currently spend much time on screens?

The new thing I have learned about the research and inquiry paper process is the importance of adhering to the ethical standards that govern this process. **So, what are the ethical considerations in a research process and formulating an inquiry paper?**

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