

Some people believe that children's leisure activities must be educational, otherwise they are a complete waste of time.

Do you agree or disagree?

While an overwhelming majority of members of society hold the idea that children have to learn something even during their pastimes, others argue that children can spend their time with simple recreational activities regardless of the type and purpose of their activity. In other words, the latter group believe that children can spend their time without any educational plan. The following lines elaborate on my viewpoints regarding this important topic.

We are living in a world where a lot of adults are suffering a wide range of mental disorders mainly resulted from the hectic pace of life and heavy workload. In most parts of the world, children start going to school at the age of seven, graduating from high schools at 18 if they do not pursue their tertiary education for four or more years and this is why many reason that children can spend their time before seven in any way they like. I maintain that if children spend their free time in any way they prefer, not specifically an educational plan, their parents can identify their talent, hence the importance of letting children do whatever they like before school age.

Beyond a shadow of a doubt, childhood is the best time to learn a wide range of skills such as playing musical instruments, sports, or a foreign language. Most of the icons in sports and music start practicing their skills from a very early age, thereby having a specific plan for children is crucially important, but this should not ruin the childhood of children. I mean even these practices can be followed under a wise plan in a way that children do not feel they are following a specific target. They can play and learn gradually without a strictly specific plan.

To cut a long story short, I whole-heartedly believe that children have to be allowed to do whatever they prefer with their parent's supervision of course, so that their guardians can find out about their gifts, any educational program can be instructed under a game or fun activity.