I: Right now, I think we are all set. So I will put this on (.) and first of all I want you to tell me about your favourite toys. What is your favourite toy now?

D: My favourite toys are the phone.

I: Yes. We will come back to the iPhone in a little while. Say what has been your favourite toys up until now –before the iPhone?

D: Hmm the wooden games sets, the wooden games sets.

I: What do the wooden games sets do?

D: Erm like Checkers, (.) erm chess erm…

I: Can you show me?

D: Also the guns.

I: So you have got several guns haven’t you? And a wooden games compendium. So you played with that a lot did you?

D: Yep, with my dad. I beat him twice in chess.

I: You beat him twice in chess?

D: Hm hm. Well he let me win the first time.

I: Did he?

D: On my first go. But the second time I was trying and I went - BOOM!

I: Great and what else? Tell me about the other ones.

D: Erm well this is Bop It Smash, I play that a lot.

I: What’s that?

D: This that I showed you earlier.

I: Ooh can you do it?

D: Yep.

(Sound of starting electronic game toy – ‘Solo- Smash it to start. My score is 74 -Level 1 - SMASH -Yeah!’)

D: You have to really focus. It is two sides so you can see one, and the people behind you can see the one that you are looking (at), and the people in front of you can see the other side. There is a new one called Bop It Twist.

I: Yeah.

(Sound of child playing the electronic game toy.)

D: And there is one called Bop It Smash which is this one, there is a circle where you have (.) to like do different things. Green is one.

I: Yeah.

D: Blue is five, I think.

I: Yeah.

D: And erm the ones outside the circle (.) is zero and you get one point off. So it is like minus one.

(Electronic toy game SMASH sound.)

I: Wow you did it! Do you usually do it?

D: Yeah.

I: Yeah.

D: And then there is a bonus round that I keep on pressing.

(Electronic toy game – ‘Yow try harder’.)

D: So you get one point taken away when you … Ah I keep on doing that!

I: (Laughs.)

D: And that one doesn’t give you a point back.

I: Right.

D: Only the blue one.

(Electronic toy game sound and sound of child roughly bashing toy. ‘Ten bonus points’.)

D: Yeah.

I: Very good. Okay what about the others?

(Electronic toy game sound and sound of child roughly bashing toy.)

I: Because you have got so many toys down here.

D: Yeah. This is what I play with now and used to play with.

I: Oh can you turn him off.

D: (unclear)

I: Oh he has turned-

D: You just put a car inside.

I: Yeah.

D: And then you shut it.

I: Yeah.

D: And then when you take it, you press it.

I: Right.

D: It is not supposed to go off and one stays. It is supposed to stay, but because that happens it is the buttons, it is underneath like that.

I: Yeah.

D: So you have to press it again to come out. Or maybe it will come out itself. So and then you press it both at the same time, and then the cars come out.

I: So the cars shoot out?

D: Yeah and when you want to close it you don’t press and then like do that, yeah you just let it fall itself and then (..) it will shut without your cars getting trapped.

I: Oh that’s pretty good. So you still play with that one though?

D: Erm the Minis I play because we have a game called Minis.

I: Yeah tell me about that then.

D: Well when you are in a car (.) if you want to play the game Minis you necessarily play it in a vehicle. Not really in a motorbike cos then you may look away and then crash. So erm like in a car or a bus. Erm you just have to spot a Mini-

I: Hmm.

D: that say (.) that looks like (.) a Mini car. And yellow-

I: Yeah.

D: is five points. Erm pink is ten. And any other colour except yellow and pink are one point. But if you are in the back of a car, if you are a child, or a grown up, you get two points because the child or the grown up might not see if you are behind the seats.

I: That’s pretty good.

D: So it is fair enough.

I: Yeah, no I think that’s great.

D: My Nintendo 3-, my Nintendo, no not my Nintendo, my DS…

I: Yeah.

D: I play with a lot. When my phone is taken away, when I have nothing to play with except the phone, (unclear) from my mum I used to play with this a lot.

I: So that is your Nintendo.

D: Yeah.

I: And do you play it, did you used to play it or do you play it on your own, or do you have a friend who plays?

D: I play it on my own. Sometimes my friends want to play on it. I also play with my cards.

I: Oh?

D: I play like snap, twenty- one and all those sorts of games you can play with this.

I: But is that with a friend or on your own?

D: With a friend because…

I: Well snap you need to don’t you?

D: Twenty –one you need two people. You have to get to twenty-one. You can stop getting cards when you are at seventeen or over seventeen, and if you are over twenty-one then you are bust. You can’t get any more cards, because you are already over twenty-one. So for example if you have twenty –two-

I: Hmm.

D: you are bust. You can’t get any more cards.

I: Right.

D: Your dead. You are not dead in real life.

I: No (laughs).

D: You can’t play that game.

I: Yeah you have to stop then don’t you?

D: That round and then do another round. Dice I play. I play dice. So I have to think of a number…

I: Um hmm

D: And erm then I have to make that number with two dice. I tried juggling as well, but it never works.

I: (Laughs.) No you have to be a bit clever with your hands to juggle. And what about that huge great Dalek mask?

D: Erm yeah I play with this Dalek. Erm you first adjust it where your face is. This is where you hold your nose, this is the back of your head, this is the top of your head, this is like the top of your ears or maybe underneath if you are big. And this is where you talk through.

I: Right.

D: And you have to turn it on because it has got batteries. And if you turn it on, if you look at the front of the Dalek you will see three but-, three buttons at the bottom left hand corner. And you will see the top one-

(Sound of electronic voice from Dalek mask – ‘Halt or you will be exterminated’.)

D: will make you talk. Middle-

(Sound of electronic toy)

D: will make noise when you exterminate.

I: Right.

D: And the bottom one will make you talk like this (using the Dalek mask to change voice) EXTERMINATE! EXTERMINATE! EXTERMINATE!

(Sound of electronic toy)

I: Wow. That’s great. Have you been watching the Dr Who on the television?

D: Yeah I have nearly watched all the episodes.

I: So you like Dr Who?

D: Yep.

I: Yeah.

D: I have got some more games by you.

I: Okay but tell me a bit more about what’s down here.

D: Erm my (unclear) guitar. I wanted to play the guitar, but I didn’t have the money to get a guitar so I got a fake one.

(Sound of electronic guitar playing)

D: And you can play it. And sometimes it will, if you string the strings like a real guitar you are making the noises. Like maybe when you touch the strings…

(Sound of electronic guitar playing with additional singing –Two Princes by Spin Doctors)

D: (Shouting.) And if you want yourself to hear it get headphones, and then you will see the circle by the on and off button-

I: Hmm

D: and it is set on training when you get it. And if you get the headphones you can plug it in and listen to yourself.

I: Right.

D: And you can try it. You just press the (.) and there is the (unclear) in the intro and you can just do this.

I: Playing air guitar (laughs).

D: I can do all sorts of tricks with this.

I: So how often do you play it?

D: Like once a week.

I: Right.

(Sound of electronic guitar playing with additional singing ends.)

D: There are different songs that you can play.

(Sound of electronic guitar playing same song.)

D: I don’t think it will let me this time.

(Sound of electronic guitar playing ends.)

I: I think that is great. So do you think you will learn the guitar when you are a bit older?

D: Yeah. Erm my friend James, that goes swimming with me, like every Saturday after my music school, erm (..) he is going to take me this week…

I:Hmm.

D: to his erm to the… So first I go to music class then I got to the swim--no-- yeah swimming and then I maybe go to his band and maybe teach me guitar. I also play with my lightsabers.

I: Ooh what does that do?

D: Erm it lights up. If you see erm Star Wars (..) I got this one –Darth Vader.

I: Ah.

D: I can put, it is a bit too big, but that is okay.

I: Yeah.

(Sound of electronic toy lightsaber.)

I: Wow.

D: And also-

I: Wow it is a brilliant red.

D: on top of the mask…

I: Yeah.

D: Inside there is an on and off button. And if you see the thorns on its head…

I: Yeah.

D: The bottom hand corner, the last thorn makes you talk.

(Sound of electronic toy talking – ‘I am Darth Maul, Sith apprentice. We will reveal ourselves to the Jedi.’)

D: And I have got a different one, a different lightsaber. It doesn’t light up but it is just like a real one it just doesn’t light up.

I: Right.

D: This one does.

I: Yeah that is great, the red one.

D: You don’t have to do this it is just that… you like hold it back-

I: Does it shoot out?

D: Yeah. You hold it back and then there is this little red circle that has like arrows down. You hold that and then when you throw it forward you press the down button so it will grow up. So it will be like this… So careful to not touch it because it will go like –you will die.

I: Oh.

D: That is only in Star Wars. Zoom, zoom, zoom. I also have a different sword. And this sword I got as a present (is) from when my cousins came.

(Electronic sound of sword.)

D: It is like a Power Rangers Samurai sword but I am not really into Power Rangers, but I did play that when I play Star Wars with three people. Erm pool, I play pool.

I: Are you good at pool?

D: Yeah I win like every time I play. I got some chalk to make you better at doing it. I also got boules. I try to shoot all the ones in with the white ball and not do the white one, which I am really good at. But once I, well more than once I (.) shoot the white one in and sometimes it just goes in the hole and comes out the other bit of the hole.

I: Right. No because you mustn’t put the white ball down must you?

D: And then I (emphasis on) never, ever put the eight down, the black eight. But other people do put black eight and they are always the ones who want to have another round until they win, so I make them win.

I: Ah. So who do you play that with?

D: Erm I normally play with my dad, my second uncle Stephen, my mum sometimes and mostly other people that I have forgot their names.

I: But adults or children?

D: Adults and children. Mostly adults, a little bit with children because not many children come to this house (whereas) adults do.

I: Why is that then?

D: Erm I don’t know, just that we are busy all the time in this house. Getting money, getting the electric, getting our gas bill, we get our doors painted.

I: Yes I saw them.

D: Erm …

I: And do you go round to your friends’ houses sometimes?

D: I go to their houses every, like every day. But some houses I haven’t, like some of my friends from school.

I: So who is your – do you have a best friend that does come round sometimes?

D: Her name is Mia erm she lives down the road there. Not the next one there, not the next building, the one after, by the wall, by the bins, yeah there, but not this bins, those bins over there. That is where she lives.

I: And what sorts of things do you play with Mia?

D: Erm I have to play easy game because she only just turned six in August.

I: Ah so she is a bit younger than you.

D: One year younger. She was born in 2007, I think. Maybe she was born in the same year but different time. I was supposed to be born in February, but two weeks after I was born in March.

I: You were, I remember.

D: On the [date].

I: that’s right.

D: In 2006 which is awkward.

I: And what erm, tell me about the guns because you seem to have quite a few guns. Cos you were popping at your mum and dad all of these things.

D: Yep. Yeah I was shooting my dad’s fat belly.

I: (Laughs.)

D: My mum’s fat bums.

I: Ooh.

D: Erm this I got from my friend (sound of toy gun loading).

I: Yeah.

D: There is like a…

I: Oh.

D: There’s like a circle disc. I lost two. Maybe I have got one back. But I lost two and then I got one back, I think. And then there are two levers on the side.

I: Yeah.

D: You can press one or you can just like pop it in. And then you have to aim where you want and it has got aiming targets but it does sli-, it bounces really good, so you better watch out.

I: I better watch out.

D: But if you put it on the pillow it just goes boom. It doesn’t bounce that high.

I: (Laughs).

D: Actually I will open the door.

I: Are you going to shoot it out the door?

D: Yeah.

(Shoots gun.)

I: (Laugh).

D: (Laugh). So erm I got another gun.

(Sound of demonstrating gun while talking.)

D: I got another gun that like has erm tubes (.) erm tube bullets. And when you fire it long distance it makes a whistling sound like this (whistles).

I: Like a firework? Like the rockets do?

D: Yep.

I: So you have to pull it back, and then you hear that gin-gum. And then erm you press the yellow, er orange trigger.

I: Oh yeah.

D: And then it makes the noise go like (schhuw). And it doesn’t hit as hard as the circle, the other one I was just talking about. Erm and if you want to reload it, there is like a black rectangle square. And you push it from the other side, not where the rectangle square is, but the other side of it where the rectangle square isn’t. And then it will pop up and then you could just turn it up and pop in your bullets. And if it doesn't work again, when you want to fire you still have to pull back every bullet. Like it will pull back the bullet that is in the hole…

I: Hmm.

D: and then it will just pop out when you press the orange trigger.

I: So it is quite complicated that one.

D: Hmm. I used to bite it when I was little because I wasn’t strong enough to pull that, ee ee (straining noise).

I: So you weren't quite strong enough, yeah.

D: But my teeth were.

I: So who gave you that one?

D: Erm my uncle Stephen.

I: Right. So who gave you most of your toys do you think? Who gave you different toys?

D: My uncle, my two uncles…

I: Um hmm.

D: But one of my aunties gave me a toy that I play with in the living room.

I: Right.

D: Erm my dad gave me some. Mostly part of my family gave me some.

I: Right.

D: Except for my aunty. She doesn’t really have the, any money. She cares about her son that was only born in August, no April.

I: And what do you like best about your different toys?

D: That they do different things. Like cuddle that are soft that you can cuddle with.

I: Which ones do you cuddle with?

D: Erm mostly my soft toys, which are like this cat here.

I: Umm.

D: It isn’t a real cat.

I: No it looks a bit like a tiger.

D: Yeah. He is called Flame. And I have like Mario, Alvin, what else have I got? Meerkat, a dog. I have got many dogs. I will come back to that one. I have got erm, I got chickens, I got mouse, I have got loads of things. I got like dolls from my mum, a rabbit.

I: A rabbit?

D: He is called Blue.

I: Gosh yeah you have got loads of soft toys in there. So when do you cuddle up to your toys?

D: About like every night. I try to but they will just put it back. I keep on getting them out. This night-

I: So your mum puts them back and you get them out?

D: In the morning (..) erm (..) erm also, not last night but the night before that (.) erm I slept with all my animals. Even my animals I didn’t like I slept with, except my mums.

I: Why did you do that?

D: I am not really sure about my Mum’s, if she will let me.

I: But was it nice sleeping with all the soft toys?

D: Yep, they are all cuddly. I just put my bed next to the wall so then they won’t fall off. And also sometimes they get down because there is a big hole.

I: And what about Bernard? You haven’t told me about Bernard.

D: Oh Barnaby? He is like my first ever one that I got. I was in Morrisons, like I got a Morrisons’ truck.

I: Yes.

D: They get rubbish and then they empty it out.

I: What out of the truck?

D: Yeah from the back because as you can see when you can open it like this. And I used to put cars in there, broken down cars, you know like Tow Mater. Erm Bernard, I was walking in Morrisons, I was in a trolley, well I wasn’t walking I was in a pram, maybe -I don’t know. I was in the trolley and like when you walk in the first thing on like your left and right was one of these doggies. He’s really soft, and I wanted to get it, so I grabbed it out of the shelf and I was like hugging it really tight. And when we got to the check out …

I: Yeah.

D: I didn’t want to let go of him, didn’t put it on the conveyor belt, so my mum had to rip the label out and give it to the lady and she scanned it.

I: Awh.

D: Because I was really loving him. I carried him home, I think. I think my mum said, “Put him in the bag before you drop him out and loose it”.

I: So you have had Bernard a long time?

D: All of my life actually.

I: Right.

D: My seven years. Nearly eight.

I: Nearly eight years.

D: Because I am nearly eight. Because it is [date], nearly [month] so I have gone half way through my… so yeah.

I: And do you sleep with Barnaby too?

D: I sleep with him every night.

I: And do you take him away?

D: I have nightmares without him.

I: Awh.

D: And also I feel, I can’t sleep and I feel sad without him.

I: You mustn’t loose him then.

D: No I sometimes forget him at erm my nan’s house, my uncle’s house. I couldn’t sleep with him for like five days because he was at my uncle’s house but I did eventually fall asleep.

I: And if you are on holiday do you take him then?

D: Yep, I don’t take all of my animals but if I can. But this year, I am just going to take Barnaby’s family.

I: Who is Barnaby’s family?

D: Well he is the dad.

I: Yeah.

D: And then there is a cat, medium sized like him. She is the mum and then there’s two kittens.

I: Awh.

D: And also a tiger, a little baby tiger. Like Flame but his name is Tweetie – I got him from [name of a zoo].

I: Oh that is nice.

D: Erm he is just a small version of Flame. I wanted a big one, but that didn’t look very good. My mum said no.

I: No. Too big.

D: (In a whiny voice) “No, no I want it.”

I: (Laughs.)

D: So yeah I got that one instead. And also I got a toy from there and I, it erm, the man beeped it two times by accident so he charged us twice. Next time we go there we are going to get our money back.

I: Good.

D: I think. If they don’t forget. Because we went there with my friend Jacob – J-A-C-O-B.

I: Is he a school friend?

D: Yep. I know him a lot. I know like three people well because they went to my nursery.

I: And they go to your school as well?

D: Now they did. From reception we all went to the same class. Because they went, erm left before me. We was in Bluebells and every single time we went in the playroom I was always there, I was always in the playroom, and there was like this little steps and there was like this triangle…

I: Hmm hmm.

D: and you couldn’t walk across, well you can if you was like holding on but there was no thing to grab, so you had to lie down and grab along.

I: Gosh.

D: But one day I actually managed to walk across. And I always slide along when I manage like (demonstrates walking slowly) walking out, walking out, walking out, walking out … Wargh!

(Falls).

I: (Laughs). And you fell.

D: Down on the slate (slide?). One day I got rope burn from going down (on the slate?). Well they weren't rope burns they were like rope burns.

I: That’s not very nice. So how often do see your friends and you play with your school friends.

D: I play with my friends every day.

I: What after school? Or during school?

D: During school, sometimes after school they come to my house or I go to their house. Like I am going to one of my friend’s houses today but it wasn’t from school.

I: Right.

D: I wanted to go to my friend’s house from school but there was an annoying -- my mum didn’t want me to so I said that was fine. But also there was an annoying person there called Wayne he is such an annoy-.

I: So you didn’t go?

D: Well it was my mum. She said, she said, “No go to Mia’s house today not Tanya’s house, which is my friend.

I: And what is your favourite time of day?

D: Hmm lunchtime, dinner time.

I: What eating time?

D: Yeah. And also (..) erm (.) and also (.) break time from homework and break time after lunch because then I can play on my phone and watch Minecraft.

I: Right.

D: Another thing that I used to play with…

I: Yeah.

D: I do play with sometimes, not a lot is these toys over here. Like the Morrisons truck I still play with today, and the garbage surface, and all the others like the Dalek and er buses. But the Lightening – the Lightening McQueen – it is hard to say, and the Chuggington and er (…) Connect Four I used to play with and I play with it now.

I: So is it that you got bored with them, or is it that you have got so many other ones to play with?

D: I haven’t got many other ones but I did actually play with the Connect Four now and I used to. But it is actually just the Chuggington and the Lightening Mc—Mc – Queen.

I: Which is the Chuggington?

D: Chuggington is the one with the horns on top and the cargo.

I: Which?

D: These two.

I: These two?

D: Yep.

I: Right.

D: If you get one of the trains, I have got three, Brewster –this person, I can’t, and the blue one and the red one.

(Train electronic voice, ‘Time to wake up Chuggington.’)

D: Oh that is such an annoying –shut up.

I: (Laughs.)

D: Erm you can put it up on the washing, like the washing machine. And when you see the red light on the blue one and you hear the noise (demonstrates toy) you have to come in where the where the…-

I: What is it the wash?

D: where the wheel is. It doesn’t really wash.

I: No, no water.

D: Green is the bubbles, blue is the water and yellow is the erm drying.

I: Right.

D: And you have to turn the wheels to like dry it to do the stuff. First you have to press what you have to do and then turn the wheel but the way that you have to do it like you wash, like wash stuff. Erm first you get the bubbles (demonstrates toy), and then you turn it and then the bubbles …

I: No that is very neat.

(Electronic sound of bubble machine.)

D: You have to press and hold and turn at the same time. And then you choose the other one.

(Electronic beeping sound.)

D: And then you choose the other one.

(Electronic vacuum sound.)

D: So there is like a little like mirror, and that's erm is the bit that like washes and gets the stuff out. And then you just finish your journey.

I: Great.

D: So that’s Chug – And also in Chuggington you have to park like backwards, so you first you come out. And there’s like a little thing at the back so it won’t just go over and it won’t just go (..) like stay there and not have room to go back. Erm it will just like fit in, so it will be like the pointy bit at the front, the blue bit will be sticking out but all the rest will be like in.

I: Great.

D: There is just like a barrier to stop you going over and there is another square for like enough to go in, for like if you had like a cargo you could put it on the back that is what the people do.

I: Sounds like it does lots of things. Is the sort of toys, what sort of toys do your friends have when you go round there?

D: Not much like Barbie those sort of stuff

I: Barbie? Is that what Mia has?

D: Yeah she also has Nintendo 3DS.

I: A Nintendo?

D: Yeah. 3DS.

I: 3DS.

I: And what about other friends what sort of toys do you play with round at theirs?

D: They have iPads, erm, erm phones, some have phones.

I: And is that what you play with when you go round to theirs?

D: Hmm not necessarily.

I: No? What do you play?

D: Erm sometimes Barbie erm sometimes we would go down their staircase and play in their area.

I: Right, outside.

D: They have a security place.

D: There is like a little green area that has an apple tree.

I: That’s nice.

D: And the apples fall down and (they) once hit my head.

I: (Laughs.) Oh dear I hope it didn’t hurt you.

D: The apple fell on my head and just went boink and fell on the ground behind and I was like, (in a little whimsical voice) “What, who did that, no-one was there, was that a fox attacking my head?”

I: I don’t think it was a fox! Not on your head. Erm how do you think -

D: Do I have a ear-warmer or a head –warmer? No it was a bunny on your head.

I: How do you think that the things you play with has changed as you have got a bit older?

D: Get a bit dusty.

I: Dusty?

D: I keep them like in the storage room.

I: But what about how you play with things? Do you think you have changed?

D: Yes.

I: Hmm how do you think you have changed?

D: I think I changed erm my height, of course. My age, of course.

I: And what about your toys?

D: My speaking voice, my eating…

I: Hmm.

D: My thinking.

I: Hmm how’s your thinking?

D: My body. When you get older your body changes.

I: Hmm hmm.

D: I think my thinking changed like (..) saying more, like I think for a while and then say and I forget things easily. Like this week for example –er last week you give me like –you tell me the times tables and then this week I forget it. That is how easily I forget stuff. Erm stuff like my garbage truck (rummaging of toy), is like the garbage truck today, so it has a (emphasis) bin at the back that will be connected and you put stuff in the bin if you open it like (…) er a little rubber. So you like put a rubber in the bin…

I:Hmm.

D: And if you make the bin come off it is hard to make the bin come back on.

I: These are things your mum said you hadn’t played with for a while.

D: And erm the bin is open and then you like pour it in.

I: Yeah.

D: And then its like, its like a pusher thing and you have to like push it in…

I: Um hm.

D: And that like goes to the back and then like, that thing is on the side so you can push the thing inside. And then when you get to like the garbage place you like push that forward.

I: Very good.

D: And then you push that back. It is like a real garbage truck today. Put that down.

I: No it is very good.

D: It got stuck.

I: So tell me a bit about your iPhone.

D: My iPhone? Well I got, well I had a charger, well my mum’s charger, and that broke. Then I got a new charger that broke. Then I got this charger that is five metres from one end of my living room to the other end. And if you switch it on you press the little circle button.

I: Come and show me. How long have you had it?

D: Nearly a year.

I: And did it used to be your mum’s?

D: Yep. This is a little circle button. You slide it, because I got an upgrade. This is what it looks like and then I got the password.

I: Right.

D: You can see it if you want. And then erm, and then you first start off on your first page and then you can scroll it down to tell you about all the information of today. And then at the bottom would be like, you could move stuff around, or you could delete stuff and erm... You have to download What’s App and Skype.

I: What do you use it for?

D: I use it like to text people like my uncles and erm my mum, Ceejay my mum’s friend, Donna another one of my mum’s friends, Rachel who used to live in my house not in this house in her house.

I: Oh yes I remember Rachel.

D: And I Skype because some people don’t have What’s App.

I: You Skype with people too?

D: Yeah I Skype with my mum, I Skype with my nan… I forget my – I don’t have to login. Some people are offline so like (.) Mummy’s offline, Nana is offline, my dad is offline. This is –hmm who is that- I don’t know that person. This is people that, there are these two Skype test call and a person I don’t know.

I: And what about games?

D: The games I have like Angry Bird, Angry Bird Star Wars, Bad Piggy - its like you know Angry Bird it is like angry piggies.

I: Um hm.

D: It's a piggies version where you have to steal the eggs from the angry birds.

I: Do you want to sit down?

D: I got Talking Tom 2 because number 1 is The Garbage Room that I think I couldn’t get.

I: Um hmm.

D: I got Talking Ginger which is the same as Talking Cat.

I: So they are all the animals ones.

D: Yeah it is all the same.

I: What do they do? What sort of games are they?

D: Erm that one you just like have to solve missions.

I: Right.

D: And then you just get stuff. These like this one (…) you can’t hear it. Its like you can do stuff to the cat, like do stuff to the cat.

I: Ah.

D: This one is like the other ones you have to solve missions and then you complete the puzzle. And then every day you get this. Ahh.

I: And that is like a revolving wheel.

D: Yeah. It is just like you get toothpaste from it, because that is one of the missions.

I: Ah.

D: Please get a six, please get a six, please get -

I: (Laughs.)

(Electronic sound- cheer.)

D: Awh I got one.

I: Ah (laughs).

D: I actually did get a six once I just kept going every day until boom I did it. (Whispers to self) oops, x x x, no I keep pressing-

I: So are you

D: So like toothpaste, erm hairdryer, it goes all chubby.

I: So they are a bit like you can play and make them do almost cartoons can’t you?

D: Yeah. You can actually make videos. You can make videos. And in this one you have to like do the tissue really fast (breathless, moving). So if you are like doing the paper game you have to do the tissue really fast.

I: So it all runs out?

(Sound of electronic cheer.)

D: Yeah. And you get like in a place so I am in tenth place.

I: Yeah so they give you points.

D: And then like you brush your teeth. And it just goes up. No, get out of my face.

I: So is this the main ones you play or have you got others as well?

D: I have others. Come on.

I: You don’t want to go.

D: And this is erm to show you how to brush your teeth. Sometimes you get two puzzles, sometimes you get one. I will show you what like I did on the other one. You can play like when you complete one of the puzzles. And if you haven’t got any toothpaste erm you could actually just get a puzzle ready. That I wasted my toothpaste on, I did one toothpaste, and then I wasted all the other ones, and now I have got five because I just did it now. And then you just like have to drag it to where its place is. This might take a while.

I: And do you get new games, do you get given them or do you have to download them yourself?

D: Erm I can’t download them myself because erm if I download it myself something might happen, if it is like what is the password I might know it and do the password and something wrong, bad will happen. So that is why my mum won’t let me have a password.

I: So do you use the internet?

D: Sometimes.

I: What for?

D: I use it for the videos that I do.

I: What sort of videos?

D: Mindcrap.

I: What is it?

D: Mindcrap.

I: Mindcrap?

D: Mindcrap is a game which is full of crap, like my mum says.

I: (Laughs.)

D: She calls it Mindcrap not me.

I: Ah. But that is not its real name.

D: No.

I: I was going to say. Is that you get on the internet yourself or are the rules about it?

D: I go on the internet myself.

(Sound of electronic cheer.)

D: So erm talking then you get potions from magazines. Talking Larry you get er is the same thing but just piano with keys and also an electric goods that goes bzzz. And this one you have to like feed the giraffe and do what the giraffe said. And this one, these are just the same, the talking angel says, ‘Lets do the love quiz.’ You do the love quiz. And I actually did that. I did it twice and I actually did answer all the questions.

I: Well done.

D: And it was all about love! (Laughs.)

I: (In a slow, high pitched, slightly foreign voice.) ‘If you were taking me out to dinner would you take me out A) six o’ clock, B) midnight, C) one o’ clock in the morning. And I did six o’ clock because that is normally dinner- time. And no it wasn’t one o ‘clock in the morning –and eight, nine, what am I doing?

I: So that is with the little angel cat is it?

D: If you pull it up you get all the items like erm calculator, camera, clock, torch you even get the volume to what you want.

I: Hmm.

D: And also you can just make it go up like at the side by the on/off one. And like plus is like going higher and take away is going lower, I will show you.

I: And do you take your iPhone to school?

D: We are not allowed.

I: So no-one is allowed?

D: No.

I: Have your friends got iPhones?

D: Some do.

I: Have they got iPpads?

D: Yep.

I: Have you got an iPad?

D: No but I am allowed to use my uncles.

I: What do you do on your uncles?

D: Well I just play games that he has.

I: Right.

D: And I have also got like there is Tiny Tower where you have to build a big tower.

I: What on the screen?

D: Like it is called Tiny-

I: Oh that is right.

D: Tiny Tower. It is called Tiny Tower and you don’t, it is like you have to build a tall tower but it is skinny. So that is what it is. Minecraft you can get demo or full version.

I: Oh so it is Minecraft it is not called Minecrap (laughs).

D: No though I call it that sometimes. Erm you have like, you start off with some thing, you start off with nothing. You can make stuff like weapons, food. And if you get like the demo, no the full version on your phone erm to get your health, up eat some food. Press and hold, your hand will come to your mouth, it will shove it over your screen, crumbs and gore (?) everywhere, and that is your food going up. And I also got mushroom today. I made some balls. You just need three pieces of wood, they can make a bucket then you need three pieces of iron. Erm you can make weapons out of anything, like bow and arrows, wood and string-

I: Ooh so it is quite creative?

D: Erm you can make cobblestones things, wooden things, iron, gold, diamonds. Diamond is the most expensive thing you can get in Minecraft. And also in Creative or Survival erm if you go too deep down, it is like lines thing…

I: Hmm

D: if you go too deep down you will fall out of the world. You have to start your whole world again.

I: Oh dear.

D: Well you won’t start the whole world again. You could do it on the erm survival world as well. You won’t start the whole world again but you will have to start your whole life again. But everything will still be there.

I: You have just got to start again.

D: Like you have to make your weapons again. So that is why I am not going to do that. Erm-

I: What about (coughs)-

I have to wait for days.

I: Your dad said you used the Wii this morning.

D: Yeah.

I: How often do you use that?

D: Erm I use it when my friends are around, but that is the only time I could play it. I sometimes play it when I am bored when my phone and DS are taken away.

I: When what is taken away?

D: My phone and DS.

I: Why would they get taken away?

D: Because I annoyed them sometimes.

I: Ah so it is if you are naughty they take them away?

D: Yep.

I: So do your mum and dad make rules about when you play with your iPhone or look at anything?

D: Yeah. Ah I just switch my phone off.

I: What are the rules?

D: Erm like I can go on Minecrap every Sunday that was one rule and then they do it every day. I wasn’t allowed to watch Minecraft for a week. If I do homework like one hour I get twenty minutes of Minecraft. It is not like I am saying one hour = sixty minutes, one hour is twenty minutes of Minecraft for me.

I: Right.

D: And two hours would be to me forty (minutes). It is just like counting in twos.

I: Yes.

D: Just with a zero at the end. Oh it has just come (mumbles to self about Minecraft game).

I: And at school do they have laptops and computers that you can use at school?

D: They have laptops and iPads.

I: So do you use them in the classroom?

D: Yeah we have to book them first.

I: Ah.

D: On the computer.

I: Right.

D: The (.) the, the -- our teachers book them.

I: So do you use them?

D: Erm not necessarily me, like all the other people.

I: But why not you?

D: I do, but all the other people in my class as well.

I: And what do you do on them?

D: Erm we normally play games when er we can’t do stuff. When they allowed us to play games. Erm on here I did a mine on Minecraft again and also I built my house – the geekdown(?) because (unclear). Sometimes it gets so dark down here I have to put loads of torches. This is my room I have a chest, I need cobblestones, and I have to mine it with a wooden pick- axe.

I: Wow. It is hard work isn’t it?

D: Yep. And this is my crafting table. If you press the crafting table, like on your left you will see like the stuff you can change.

I: Hm.

D: So like the first one you would be on the wood stuff, like to make out of wood, and also there is like those stones that you have to find on another level, like there is stuff you have to make out of diamonds and iron, you can make snow out of snowballs.

I: Hm.

D: And then like at the bottom you get wool and then there is weapons - the second one, and you get like arrows-- what do they make no I can’t make an arrow, then there is like bows, then buckets, then you get weapons like diamond weapons, then you get flint and steel.

I: Very good.

D: That is to light up another portal and set fire to stuff. Then you get gold, and then you get iron, and then you get shears. Shears is to like to mine erm- to mine sheep no to get the sheep from the wool and also tree blocks, then leaves. And then you come to cobblestone tools, TNT, torches, and then wooden tools, then you come to food which has armor in it, so then you can get bowls, bread… Bread you need wheat. Which I don’t know how you get wheat or get wheat.

I: Well you grow it.

D: Yeah.

So do you think you have learnt things from doing Minecraft?

D: Yeah. Cake you use like real cake, like in the real world. You need wheat, milk, three buckets of milk, three wheat, two sugar and one egg.

I: Very good.

D: And then there is like diamond armor, gold armor er iron, slate, leather erm you can get. And then at the bottom there is more food like mushroom stew, like it is just a bowl of mushrooms.

I: Hmm.

D: You need one mushroom, red with white dots and then you just need a brown mushroom. And I got all the red mushrooms with white dots today! I found it on the top of a mountain. Then you can get melon seeds by getting one melon, then you get melon broth-

I: God you can get loads of things. Now I am going to take photos of your-

D: Sugar and sugar cane…

I: games when we are done-

D: Em….

I: but do you think, I want to ask you erm now you have your iPhone to play with do you think it has stopped you playing with your other toys that you just want to play with the iPhone?

D: Erm yeah. Kind of yeah.

I: And do you think that is good?

D: Not necessarily.

I: Why not?

D: Cos I play with them once in a while and I wouldn’t say a while is good.

I: But you like playing with that one better?

D: Yeah (…) And that item frame at the bottom-

I: Um hm.

D: means your like the blocks that you make and how to make the blocks, like to make a diamond block you need nine diamonds.

I: Oh that is a lot of diamonds.

D: And to make a diamond you need one diamond block. And to make a diamond block you need nine diamonds. Gold block you need nine pieces of gold.

I: Hmm.

D: Iron you need nine pieces of iron. Book you just need paper by getting sugar. And then just book shelves, then you need a book and wood, then item frame and then paper, and then what is it called (.) assign, and they all have their names on the left hand side and then there’s like bone meal to fasten up things to grow. Then there is dye to make colours.

I: Sounds great.

D: Like, so like you can make yellow dye, blue dye and then Lapis Lazuli to make Lapis Lazuli block.

I: Oh I like Lapis Lazuli. But I am going to stop you there because I want you to arrange so I can take some individual photos of your toys.

D: Okay.

I: And also I might record little sounds of things. So if you could erm…

D: Like do the Dalek?

I: Yeah do the Dalek noise.

D: Okay. Shall I not talk then just make the noise.

I: No we will just make the noises.

(Dalek noise.)

I: That’s very good.

D: That is from the Dalek. I will just make sure it is off, hello? Hello? Hello? That is off. So that is the Dalek one.

I: Yes.

D: Shall I do this?

I: Yeah.

D: This is the guitar.

(Guitar noise.)

I: That is probably enough. Right that is the guitar.

D: Then there is this person called Flame.

(Flame toy noise.)

I: Ah Flame.

D: He doesn’t just make that noise. His belly opens up.

I: Oh gosh.

D: You stroke his head and his back and then he makes that noise.

(Flame toy noise.)

I: Awh.

D: And he closes his eyes and opens his mouth like this.

(Flame toy noise.)

I: So he has a little roar doesn't he?

D: And if you press and hold the left hand ear and keep on pressing it, you keep on pressing it and it goes to sleep. And then turn the batteries off so it doesn't keep on running.

I: So that was Flame the tiger.

D: This is Darth Maul.

(Darth Maul noise – I am Darth Maul Sith Apprentice. At last we will reveal ourselves to the apprentice at last we will have our revenge.)

I: Yep that is Darth Maul from Star Wars.

(Bop –It noise.)

D: That’s that.

(Bop –It noise.)

(Power –Rangers sword noise)

D: It is broken. It is repeating.

I: So which one is that.

D: That’s erm the Power Rangers samurai sword. And then there is this one, that doesn’t make that much noise.

(Darth Maul lightsaber noise)

So that is that,

I: Right.

D: That is erm the Darth Maul sword.

I: That is the Darth Maul sword.

D: And erm in the movie there are like two sides, The first is one I think. Or one of them one of them has one and other one has two. Because Ani, Ani which is Obi Wan Kenobi.

I: Yeah

D: Anakin I mean, not Obi Wan Kenobi, what am I thinking of, Anakin yeah, he got into the dark side and then they both died.

I: Awh.

D: Wait, wait his mum died but the babies were safe. They had twins.

I: Good.

D: But he was still alive, he was just Darth Maul in a suit. His arm first got chopped off, not his arm, his hand. Then he had to wear a glove.

I: Hmm hmm.

D: Like a robot glove. And then he like, he like thrown on top of his –

I: So what else-

D: like his knees.

I: Yes that bit. So what else makes a noise that you play with her?

D: Erm the guns. This makes a whistle like this here.

(Whistle noise.)

D: BOOM!

I: (Laughs.)

D: Erm I didn’t show you this actually. This is my garage, like because the lift is broken, the lift doesn’t do like that you have to go like (.) and you just turn it on its side.

I: Yeah.

D: So I made up a plan you turn, and then you go underneath where the lift goes, and then it closes the gate and the cars come out, and then you just reverse and then you go where the cars come out. And this is where, this is where the like the stuff comes. And I don’t actually have the stuff but they go in here.

I: So do you play with the garage much?

D: Yeah I do. This is one of my today’s stuff. And then it goes up and round the thing. And the top where I am that I play with and like the other two-

I: Yeah, no I think you should leave it up there.

D: Yeah no it is good it leans down and there was one bit that fell.

I: Ah.

D: I can get aeroplanes. This is the aeroplane (ninja ?) I think and I keep it like this.

I: So if you, what would you say if you have a typical day when you f what would you play in the morning before you go off to school.

D: No I don’t really have much time, I just eat my breakfast, get changed and I have go.

I: And then you come home from school.

D: Then I would have lunch, dinner I mean.

I: And then what do you play?

D: I just play with my toys. Like go on Minecraft all the time.

I: So mainly your iPhone really.

D: And from four.

I: Yeah.

D: Soon I am going to do my monkey swap thing, which you need sock of course and things you need to sew it. It is from my mum’s friend Donna because she was the first one to call me cheeky monkey and then my uncle copied, he calls me cheeky monkey all the time. Guess what I call Donna?

I: Awh that is nice.

D: Guess what I call Donna?

I: Cheeky monkey?

D: Sexy monkey (laughs)!

I: Oh she probably likes it.

D: Yeah.

I: And what do you think of yourself? Do you think you are a shy boy or do you think you are a loud boy?

D: I think I am like a quiet, loud, shy boy.

I: So you are quiet, loud and shy? When are you loud?

D: Erm like when I shout and have to shout, all sorts of stuff like that and like what we are doing now.

I: Right.

D: I scream at the top of my lungs.

I: Oh. When do you do that? Not to me you haven’t.

D: Erm (…) like when I have to record my voice and the camera-- the recording thing is really far. Like I did it at my school.

I: Oh.

D: We had to do that (shouts slowly) WE HAVE GOT TO TAKE YOU ALONG, like scream.

I: Oh so they record things of you at school.

D: Yeah. That was actually my first time of recording at school. Well it wasn’t my first time because we actually did Wizard of Oz with Stagecoach. And another thing that makes a noise… is this…

(Chuggington toy noise)

I: And that’s your Chuggington.

D: And if it works.

(Chuggington toy noise)

D: Yeah and if you put the trains in there is just a red light that goes and that is to tell you that it is sleeping. But the train has to be on. And it sensors from this, that is how you know it is sleeping.

I: Great, well I am going to stop this now and take some photos.

D: And there is are these noises.

(Toy noise – the car wash).

I: But these are the toys you don’t play with anymore. That’s the car wash.

End Interview.