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R Y7 boy
B Y7 girl
S Y7 girl
C Y7 girl
L Y7 girl

Q So going back to the pictures, things that you think that are good for learning, things that you think are not good for learning. We'll start with this group. Off we go. So we've got [Y7 girl B], [Y7 girl S] and [Y7 boy R].

S We all thought this one was good for learning because it's like building and teaching you how to build things.

Q So the robot's good for learning yeah?

S Yeah. And...

Q Well we could do this at the same time, do you agree, [Y7 girl C] and [Y7 girl L] about the robot being good for learning?

C Yeah.

L I do, yes.

Q OK. And for what reasons, building again?

C Yes and it's just teaching your child how to play whilst learning.

Q OK. And what else would you put in good for learning?

R Scratch. Because you can make your own worlds in it.

Q OK, any other comments on the Scratch or any other reasons why it might be good for learning? Yeah?

S It's coding. It's early young coding and it's really easy for younger kids and they'll probably need it later in life for coding, so...

Q OK so that bears relevance to later on in life. OK. Next one. What else have we got? That one there, [Y7 girl B] what have you got under good for learning do you think?

R2 We didn't have any more good for learning.

Q So all of the other pictures.

R2 Some of them were in the middle.

Q OK what were the middle? Alexa.

R Alexa, because you some...you can say you tell me about things but you, it could say something else.

Q Do you think it's accurate then? Are you worried about its accuracy or whether it's going to listen to you or hear you properly or you know all those kind of things? Because in the other groups we mentioned about that they'd rather type into Google a question rather than ask Alexa in case she misunderstood. Do you think that's a valid point or do you think that doesn't happen?

All Yes.

Q Why have you tried it before?

S Yes, like you say 'pie chart', so you said 'What does a pie chart look like?' sometimes it comes up with like an actual pie with a chart on it.

Q An actual pie?

S Yeah.

Q Like one that you would eat?

S Yes. But if you like typed it in, because it understands you more if you're typing than if you're speaking because ...

Q Do you all think that? It's better when you type it in?

All Yes.

Q Interesting, so all five think that.

R I tried it before but I just ??? it.

Q So I overheard you two talking about it and you said it is helpful for learning and you said that it's not. So that's [Y7 girl L] and [Y7 girl C]. Why did you think it was good for learning, [Y7 girl C]?

C Because you can find certain things out, like what the weather's like and your notifications, but I also think it's bad because she can like mess up certain things and say other words instead of what she means.

Q OK any other, so back to this group, you were saying that you've got some in between, so Alexa's one of those. And what else do we think is in between? [Y7 boy R], any more?

R No.

Q So we've got the good for learning, so all the others you would say are not good for learning, so the mobile phone? Not good for learning?

R It's good for learning.

Q You think it's good for learning. So how would you learn by a mobile phone?

R You can search learning apps and it will show up with a lot.

Q So any learning apps you use you might use on your phone.

R I don't use any.

Q Do you use any on your phone? Any learning apps? No?

S I like to draw like certain characters.

Q So you've done that on yours, you mentioned about drawing on your phone. How do you draw on your phone? Do you just touch it?

S I don't draw on my phone it's just ... you, where the ???, you're given the outline and you try and trace it.

Q Yeah, interesting.

R Yeah my dad, my dad got searched on Google with Children in Need thing and I traced it onto one of my T-shirts.

Q Oh that's good, I didn't think of that so you can trace and use it that way. That's really good. Anything else I'm missing? [Y7 girl L].

L The one thing I think is good about the Alexa is that it's mainly for music and checking notifications and the weather. So it wouldn't really be good for learning as such for like little kids. So that's why I don't think it's very good for learning. Maybe play though because you can search up songs from movies and re-enact it.

Q Yeah have some fun playing with that. Oh OK so we've got, I've kind of realised which ones you don't think are good and which you do think are good for learning. Is there anything we've missed on there? What about the Furby - good for learning, not good for learning? What do you think? Inbetween? Possible in between? And what's this other one we've got on yours, we've got the phone, the Furby and the console. What about the console? Would you learn playing with a console do you think?

R No.

Q No. Right, it's nearly twenty-five past so we're going to finish there but before I finish is there anything anybody wants to add before you leave about play and your use of technology? Anything you might just want to add before you leave today? Yeah.

S My brothers are sometimes naughty and they take the iPad out of my mum's room.

Q How does that make you feel?

S That makes me feel not very good because they're being cheeky. And I'm getting a new laptop for Christmas to do my homework on and it turns into a laptop and it's got like a pen accessory and this really good drawing app on it that you can.... it's like a Bluetooth pen and you can write on your screen with it.

Q Oh fantastic. So you're looking forward to playing with that.

S And you can take photos of things and then draw, like add things onto it as a draft for what you're really going to do on your paper.

Q Are you looking forward to that because you're going to play with it or do you think it will be useful as a learning tool as well?

S Useful as a learning tool as well and, yeah.

Q Great. Anything from anyone else? [Y7 boy R]?

R I'm gonna be getting some more games for my Nintendo Switch because all I have on it is Fortnite, Pokémon Let's Go Pikachu, and Tetris.

Q So do you want to play more on your Nintendo Switch than on anything else that you've got?

R Yeah.

Q And what do you think about mobile phones, the Playstation you've got, you'd rather play Nintendo Switch but you want more games.

R Yeah but next year they're bringing a PS5.

Q So is that what you want next then?

R That's what my dad's getting.

Q Oh right, OK. Anything else that anybody wants to add? Right, well thank you very much you've been very, very helpful and amazing what you've all said. So I will take this back to Sheffield University and we'll use it in our research. Thank you very much.