

Parental demographics and preschool childrens theory of mind

ABSTRACT

This research investigates the difference between theory of mind (ToM) and parental demographics of preschool children. One hundred and sixty six 3.6- to- 5.6 year old children were tested on three standard false belief tasks and a verbal ability test. A significant difference was found between mother's occupational status and ToM. However, hierarchical regression analysis showed that mother's occupational status was a significant predictor of children's ToM development after controlling for age and verbal ability.

Keyword: Theory of mind; False belief; Family background; Preschooler