

UNIT TITLE: Understanding the Importance of Play

LEVEL: Two
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This unit has 4 learning outcomes.

LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Understand the role of play in children's development. (C3, C8, C10, C11.5) ¹	1.1. Describe how play activities can encourage a child's development.
2. Recognise the purpose and potential of play activities for children at different levels of development. (C8, C3, C10, C11.5)	2.1. Give some examples of play activities suitable for different levels of development.
3. Understand the importance of an overall curriculum plan in relation to selection, layout and presentation of materials and equipment for children's activities. (C18/M7)	3.1. Describe in his/her own words what is meant by curriculum. 3.2. Select a range of materials related to the overall curriculum plan and describe how these materials would be presented.
4. Recognise and counteract ways in which gender and other forms of stereotyping can affect children's participation in activities. (M7/C17)	4.1. Describe activities which could result in stereotypical play and suggest ways in which this could be avoided.

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ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Guidance:

This grid gives details of the assessment activities to be used with the unit attached. Please refer to the NOCN Centre Handbook for definitions of each activity and the expectations for assessment practice and evidence for moderation.

The assessment activities for this unit are indicated in the table below:

Key: P = Prescribed – this assessment method *must* be used to assess the unit.

O = Optional – this assessment method *could* be used to assess the unit.

Case study	P	Project	
Written question & answer/test/exam	O	Role play/simulation	
Essay		Practical demonstration	
Report		Group discussion	P
Oral question and answer	O	Performance/exhibition	
Written description	O	Production of artefact	
Reflective log / diary		Practice file	

Signposting Key Skills

This unit offers clear opportunities for learners to provide evidence of achievement in Key Skills achievement in the following skill area/s:

Key Skill		Wider Key Skill	
Communication	✓	Working with others	
Information Technology		Problem solving	
Application of Number		Improving Own Learning and Performance	