

Frequently asked questions “Rent a Piaget”

1. How can I take part?

Fill out the online form and briefly describe how you came to the research question. What experience or situation prompted you to do so? Can you perhaps describe a typical situation? - That's it!

If you want more: In the course of “Rent a Piaget”, individual research questions will be discussed in discussion groups with interested parents and participants (see 8.). Further information will follow via e-mail. Click on “I would like to be informed about the progress of ‘Rent a Piaget’”.

2. Who can take part in “Rent a Piaget”?

Anyone who has a proposal for a research question on babies and children can take part. We would of course be delighted if as many parents as possible would send in a suggestion.

3. Why should I take part?

Because you have had experiences that researchers may not have had. We would like to incorporate this knowledge into the research and give you the opportunity to share your own ideas for research questions with us.

4 What happens to the research questions?

The research questions are collected and reviewed by [the kleinen Weltentdecker*innen team](#). Research questions that correspond to the framework conditions of the project (see 6.) are then discussed further in the discussion groups (see 8.).

The procedure for “Rent a Piaget” can be found on the next page.

5. Can other participants see my research question?

Some of the suggestions for research questions will be discussed anonymously in the discussion groups.

6. How will the suggestions for research questions be evaluated?

The study resulting from the research questions has the following framework conditions:

- The study must comply with *the ethical guidelines* of the University of Zurich.
- The study has a *scientific benefit*. By conducting the study, we are contributing to basic research in developmental psychology. We will therefore conduct prior literature searches for the submitted research questions. We will only select research questions that have not yet been the subject of much research.
- The study has a *benefit for society*. The results of the study can promote the development of children or are relevant for their parents.
- The study must be *practically feasible*. The research question should be answerable with the material and financial resources of the [Chair of Developmental Psychology: Infancy and Childhood](#). This excludes longitudinal studies (e.g. observation of children over several years) or clinical questions (e.g. study with children with a specific impairment).
- The study should be *feasible at the Chair of Developmental Psychology: Infancy and Childhood*. Parents who are interested in participating with their children in our studies can

register in our [database](#). The research question of “Rent a Piaget” should be answerable with children from this database (0-14 years old from the Zurich area).

- The study can be carried out *with a maximum group of 100 children*. The research question and the number of observed behaviors determine how many children must participate in the study for the results to be meaningful.

The proposals for research questions are assessed by the kleinen Weltentdecker*innen team with regard to these framework conditions.

Collection of research questions

Interested parties via online form

Screening and selection

kleine Weltentdecker*innen Team

Discussion groups

Interested parties and kleine Weltentdecker*innen Team

Planning, implementation and analysis of the study

kleine Weltentdecker*innen Team

Interpretation of the results

Interested parties and kleine Weltentdecker*innen Team

Publication of the study

kleine Weltentdecker*innen Team

7 What about research questions that are not selected?

Research questions on which a lot of research has already been done will be answered in short texts, which will be published on our chair's website. Research questions that do not correspond to the framework (see 6.) will be adapted if possible. If this is not possible, we cannot answer these questions within the framework of “Rent a Piaget”.

8. What are discussion groups?

In the discussion groups, interested parents meet and discuss a specific proposal for a research question. The aim is to answer these and similar questions:

- What skill or behavior should be researched in the study?
- What assumptions do we have about the skills or behavior (e.g. are there correlations between the skills)?
- How can we explain these assumptions?
- What might a typical situation look like in which a child displays this ability or behavior?
- How could the ability or behavior be measured?

The discussion groups are moderated by us, last about 1 -2 hours and are conducted virtually. More information will follow via email. Click on “I would like to be informed about the progress of ‘Rent a Piaget’”.

9. Can I take part in the data collection?

We will conduct the study at our department. The children who take part in the study, will be recruited from our database. You can [register](#) with your child. Exactly which children can take part depends on which research question is selected.

For example, if we want to find out about development in infancy, we will only invite children up to 12 months.

10. How will I be informed about the project?

Interested parents and participants will be informed regularly by e-mail about the progress of "Rent a Piaget". Click on "I would like to be informed about the progress of 'Rent a Piaget'". The results of the study are described on the chair's homepage.

11. Will the results be published?

Yes, the results will be published in a scientific publication and on our website.

12. What happens to my data?

Your personal data will not be passed on to third parties. Deletion of the data can be requested from us. After completion of the project, all personal data will be deleted.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us:

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