

Investigating virtual communication model of distance separated grandparents and grandchildren Diary Study



Dear Parent, here is an example of a Diary Entry:

Dear Diary,

Today My son talked with my mom for 20 minutes. My mom just called me and when she figured out we were home she asked me to do video chat. Actually she missed my four year old son so much. My mom doesn't live here but she came for a visit 6 months ago and stayed for five months. Since she came back home, her and my son missed eachother so much so we started to do video chat so they can communicate more often. As my son was playing with his toys at the time, I took the laptop to his room and he just talked to my mom while he was playing. She showed my mom his new car and my mom asked him if he knew the name and the color of the car. As we live in Canada and my mom lives in Argentina, she is the only one who speaks spanish with my son. I really like that so he can gradually be bilingual. My mom asked questions in spanish and my son answered in English. Then my mom started asking some questions to figure out if my son can name colors correctly. So she asked my son to show differnt toys and name their colors. Whenever my son named color incorrect my mom tried to correct him and asked him several times to make sure if he learned. At first it was funny for my son but after a while I found it boring for him and he refused to answer. So my mom just asked some random questions. After 15,20 minutes I figured out my son didn't pay attention to my mom. So I just talked to my mom little bit and then we decided to do video chat again this weekend.

Sincerely,

Participant X

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First Name:

Tell me a story of last time your child communicated with his grandparent(s).(ie. What did they talk about, what did the grandparents ask him to tell, What topics your child initiated to talk about) To ensure anonymity, we encourage you to use initials when referring to the person's name.

Try to mention as many details as you remember. There is an example at the bottom of this page.

How did they communicate?

- Skype
 FaceTime
 Phone
 Other

Did they do any activity together? (ie. reading books, listening to the music, doing exercise)

If you have more than one child communicating with their grandparent(s) at this session, did you notice any conflict between them? If yes, please provide more details

Was there anything specific that you wanted the grandparent(s) talk about with your kid(s)? (ie. advice, issue, training)

If yes, please provide more details

Was there any concern or anything that you didn't like in their communication?

If yes, please provide more details

Was the time of conversation enough to keep the kids engaged?

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