

SUGGESTED EXERCISES

Observing a moment of play with a toy lawnmower



Video: Benjamin is mowing the lawn

OBJECTIVES

- Promoting children's holistic development.
- Observing the development and behaviour of children.
- Organizing the educational environment.

ACTIVITY DETAILS

Approximate duration: 1 hr

STEP 1

1.1 Watch the video clip as a group or individually.

STEP 2

2.1 In teams of two or three, fill out the table below by noting your observations in relation to the motor development sphere:

DEVELOPMENT SPHERE	MY OBSERVATIONS
Motor	

STEP 3

3.1 In teams of two or three, identify how the layout of the outdoor environment relates to the children's development. Then, answer the following questions:

- How does the garden patch become an exploratory space for the children?
- How could the lawnmower game be included in the planning of educational activities?
- How can the garden patch support the children's holistic development?
- When observing the child pretending to mow the lawn in the garden and on a patch of artificial grass, and his interest for this game, what are your ideas for the outdoor space layout?

STEP 4

4.1 Expand your learning by watching the clip again, as a group or individually, and answering the following questions:

- Why is the garden patch necessary in the layout of the yard?
- What do you think of the artificial grass?

