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ABSTRACT

Data are presented which show the degree to which specific prior exposure to a learning situation (Junior Kindergarten) is reflected in the scores of children who had this experience compared to a group of their peers who did not. Scores obtained in Senior Kindergarten on the Draw-a-Classroom Test (DAC) are used as the measurement method. The pattern of effects emerging from the data is complex in that meaningful differences are not invariably consistent between administrations of the test. However, the influence of Junior Kindergarten on DAC test scores obtained in Senior Kindergarten gives rise to effects that are not representative of those that occur during the normal growing up of the "artist" and which tend to diminish considerably after further experience in Senior Kindergarten, indicating they are not of a permanent nature. This research may then be regarded as independent evidence of previous findings that the effects of Junior Kindergarten are short-lived. (LH)

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INTRODUCTION

In 1960, the Toronto Board of Education began a major longitudinal study, the "Study of Achievement" (Board of Education, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966) which included amongst its measures, the Draw-a-Classroom test (Board of Education, 1966, 1967). In Toronto, many children begin their schooling in Senior Kindergarten without having attended Junior Kindergarten, thus making it possible for the effects of attendance or non-attendance at Junior Kindergarten on Senior Kindergarten scores to be evaluated.

Effects associated with attending Junior Kindergarten have been shown by use of more conventional academic measures used in the Study of Achievement (1966), and it was of interest to discover whether or not similar effects would be found with the more discursive D.A.C. test measure.

A report being concurrently prepared, shows clearly that the D.A.C. test scores change with the age of the child being tested. The following report presents data which show the degree to which specific prior exposure to a learning situation (Junior Kindergarten) is reflected in the scores of children who had this experience compared to a group of their peers who did not.



METHOD

A -- Design

The population breakdown available for study is given below.

The total Senior Kindergarten population can be thought of as stemming from one of two geographic areas in the city, one of which lay within the catchment area for a Junior Kindergarten and one of which lay outside the catchment area. Within the area where Junior Kindergarten was available, some children did in fact attend while others did not.

Area 1	Area 2
No Junior Kindergarten Available	Junior Kindergarten Available
	Sub-population "didn't go"
Sub-population "couldn't go"	Sub-population "went"

Figure 1: Population Breakdown

To evaluate the effects of attendance, two comparisons were made:

A.....Between those who went and those who didn't go

B.....Between those who went and

those who couldn't go.

These comparisons are referred to as Matches 1 & 2 in earlier reports on the Study of Achievement.

As other work had already been conducted on these comparisons using more conventional academic measures (Board of Education, 1966), there already existed matched pairs drawn from the sub-populations given in Figure 1. It was a simple matter therefore, to use all the matches where a crawing existed for both "partners" of the match, for the first drawing test given in Senior Kindergarten. From these pairs, a slightly smaller number were



available where both "partners" had also completed a second drawing test in Senior Kindergarten. The numbers involved were as follows:

	First Drawing Test	Second Drawing Test
Match A "went" vs. "didn't go"	558	531
Match B "went" vs. "couldn't go"	556	521

There was a partial but not complete overlap between the pupils in the "A" "went" group and those in the "B" "went" group, with about 300 students common to both.

The matching criteria used were:

Sex
Age
Language
Education of father
Education of mother
Occupation of father.

As the original matching was made from large populations (1486 "went," 2425 "didn't go," 4784 "couldn't go") an exceptionally good standard of matching was obtained.

B -- Classification and Nature of the Test Materials

The DAC test is administered by the teacher with no time restriction. Each pupil in the class is given a sheet of paper, eight coloured crayons (red, black, brown, yellow, blue, green, orange, purple) and is told to "look around and draw your classroom." When the drawing is completed the child is asked to tell his teacher (or a monitor) about the drawing. These words are recorded on the face of the drawing.

All the drawings were coded in terms of a large number of criteria which were, in the main, concerned with a comprehensive objective classification of their content, rather than with aesthetic or interpretative judgements.



The codes were grouped within five main areas of content:

Objects
Space
Classroom Constants
Persons
Drawing the Person.

Within each of these five content areas, there were some 15 - 20 sub-areas and within each of these sub-areas, 2 - 10 individual codes. For example:

Content Area	Sub-Area	<u>Individual Codes</u>				
Space		No Frame Lines Present				
	Joined Frame Lines	Only One Frame Line Present				
		More Than One Frame Line Present But Not Joined				
	ı	More Than One Frame Line Present And Joined				

Each drawing was classified as belonging in one but not more than one individual code, within a sub-area. Complete details of the codes and coding procedures are given in the Coding Manual (Board of Education, 1966).

C -- The Treatment of the Data

Each individual code within a sub-area had a frequency attached to it; this frequency was converted to a percentage. For example:

		Match "B" F	<u>irst Drawing</u>
Sub-Area	Individual Codes	<u>sk</u>	<u>JK</u> **
Joined Frame Lines	No Frame Lines Present	71.3%	67.6%
nTues	Only One Frame Line Present	5.7%	5.3%
	More Than One Frame Line Present But Not Joined	3.4%	3.0%
	More Than One Frame Line Present And Joined	19.6%	24.1%

** SK = those who began school in Senior Kindergarten

JK = those who began school in Junior Kindergarten



To aid in the interpretation of large volumes of such data, the

following statistic was calculated: $Z = (p_1 - p_2) / \sqrt{pq (1/n_1 + 1/n_2)}$, in which the percentage observed for SK, p1, and the percentage for JK, p2, are compared to determine whether the difference between them is large enough to be "real" rather than due to "chance." (n1 and n2 are the two sample sizes and in our case are equal; q is 100% - p% where p% is the average of p_1 and p_2 .) In any instance where Z exceeds 1.96, we can conclude that the difference would only have occurred by chance one time in twenty or as is more usually said, the result is significant at the 5% level. As an example, for a p of 5% (or 95%) $p_1 - p_2$ has to exceed 2.6%, while for a p of 50% the difference has to exceed 6.0%, both results at the 5% level for $n_1 = n_2 = 558$. It will be noted that the nearer p the average

observed percentage approaches 50% the greater p1 - p2 has to be for the

result to be statistically significant.

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RESULTS

A -- A General Note on the Data

The following characteristics of the data led us to the conclusion that we should be wary of overrating such differences as did occur, both statistically and in terms of their value as reflections of the effect of Junior Kindergarten:

- 1. The samples were not random nor was the assignment of groups to "treatments" random, hence we have no way of knowing the true significance of a result "significant at the 5% level."
- 2. The actual differences that did occur were small almost never exceeding 10%.
- 3. The frequency with which significant results occurred was low enough to raise the possibility that some were due to random fluctuations in error variance.
- 4. Observation of the data suggested that within the four sets of pairings ("A" first and second applications, "B" first and second applications) there was very little consistency in which codes gave significant differences.

B -- The Findings

The information which follows is a listing of those differences between attenders and non-attenders which reached the 5% level of significance.

The following coding is used for the match and different applications:

- A I Match "A" First Senior Kindergarten Drawing
- A II Match "A" Second Senior Kindergarten Drawing
- B I Match "B" First Senior Kindergarten Drawing
- B II Match "B" Second Senior Kindergarten Drawing
- JK's Those who attended Junior Kindergarten
- SK's Those who only attended Senior Kindergarten



The complete data from which these listed differences have been abstracted have been omitted from this report for reasons of space, there being nearly 2000 pairs of percentages (one percentage for attenders and one for non-attenders at Junior Kindergarten). The full data are available on special request as a separate appendix to this report, for those who wish to examine the data more closely.



TABLE 1

CATEGORY -- OBJECTS

Codo		Code Nature of Effect		d Effec
	code	Marme of Filect	AI	AI
a)	Transparency	no significant effects		
ъ)	Fold out	no significant effects		
c)	Behind/in front of	JK's gave more examples of behind/in front of relationships in		**
d)	On/under	JK's gave more examples of on/under relationships in the	***	**1
е)	Perspective or Depth in Drawing	JK's gave fewer flat appearance drawings with objects receding by size in		***
		JK's gave fewer instances of no perspective or depth in		
		JK's gave more examples of objects receding by arrangement in		
f')	Predominant Colour	JK's gave more red predominant colour in		36.36.5
g)	Number of Colours Used	JK's used 3 colours more often in		
		JK's used 5 or more colours less often		
h)	Use of Pencil	no significant effects		
i)	Time as Indicated by Tense of Label	JK's had fewer instances of the continuing present as the only tense in the	***	



TABLE 1
CATEGORY -- OBJECTS

	Nature of Effect	Stated		gnificant At el In:	The 5%
		AI	AII	BI	BII
	no significant effects		···		
	no significant effects				
	JK's gave more examples of behind/in front of relationships in		***	***	
	JK's gave more examples of on/under relationships in the	***	***		
in	JK's gave fewer flat appearance drawings with objects receding by size in		***		
	JK's gave fewer instances of no perspective or depth in			***	
,	JK's gave more examples of objects receding by arrangement in			***	
	JK's gave more red predominant colour in		***		
ed	JK's used 3 colours more often in	هند وبند حمد			3€ 3€ 3€
	JK's used 5 or more colours less often		way way 40 ²²		***
	no significant effects	***			
Tense	JK's had fewer instances of the continuing present as the only tense in the	* * *	·		

TABLE 1 (continued) CATEGORY -- OBJECTS

Gc	nde	Nature of Effect		Effec
			AI	ΑJ
j) Labelling to Indi Activity of Perso in Relation to Ob	on(s) but not	d fewer labels related to objects scorable under these codes in		
k) Time as Indicated Pictorial Situati (and Labelling)	•	ificant effects		
1) Classroom Atmosph		d fewer instances of non-scorable in this code for atmosphere	***	
	JK's had	d more passive-neutral atmospheresin		



TABLE 1 (continued) CATEGORY -- OBJECTS

	Nature of Effect	State	l Effect Sign Level	nificant at	the 5%
		AI	AII	BI	BII
0 v(s)	JK's had fewer labels related to objects but not scorable under these codes in	, 		* * *	_,
	no significant effects				-
	JK's had fewer instances of non-scorable people in this code for atmosphere	***			 .
	JK's had more passive-neutral atmospheresin			***	

TABLE 2

CATEGORY — SPACE

			Stated	Effec
	Code	Nature of Effect	AI	AI
a)	Horizontal Line at the Top of the Paper	no significant effects		
b)	Horizontal Line at the Bottom of the Paper	JK's had more in		
c)	Vertical Line at the Right- Hand Side of the Paper	no significant effects		
d)	Vertical Line at the Left- Hand Side of the Paper	no significant effects		
e)	Joined Frame Line (one or more of above lines meet or intersect)	no significant effects		
f)	Use of Circle or Ellipse as a Frame	no significant effects		
g)	Partitioning	no significant effects		
h)	Presence of Top Boundary	JK's had more implied top boundary in	***	
		JK's had less absence of top boundary in	***	
i)	Type of Top Boundary	JK's had more ceilings in	***	
j)	Presence of Bottom Boundary	JK's had more bottom boundaries in	***	**
		JK's had more implied bottom boundary in		

TABLE 2

CATEGORY -- SPACE

	Nature of Effect	Stated	Effect Sign Level		the 5%
			IIA	BI	BII
the	no significant effects				
bhe	JK's had more in			***	~
e Right- per	no significant effects				
e Left- per	no significant effects				
ne or meet	no significant effects				
Lipse	no significant effects				
	no significant effects				
.d ary	JK's had more implied top boundary in	***		***	
	JK's had less absence of top boundary in	***			
	JK's had more ceilings in	***		***	
oundary	JK's had more bottom boundaries in	***	***	***	
	JK's had more implied bottom boundary in			***	



TABLE 2 (continued)

CATEGORY -- SPACE

	Codo	Nature of Effect	Stated	Effec
	Code	Nature of miect	AI	AI
k)	Type of Bottom Boundary	JK's had more floors in		**
1)	Presence of Side Boundaries (walls and curtains)	JK's had more side boundaries in	 ·	
m)	Amount of Space Used	no significant effects		
n)	Scope of the Drawing	JK's less often included both outdoor areas and any part of the school in		
0)	Shading of Space or Background	JK's less often has complete shading in		
p)	Compression/Expansion of Drawing as a Whole	no significant effects	,	
(p	Viewpoint	no significant effects		
r)	Both Sides of Paper Used	no significant effects		



TABLE 2 (continued)

CATEGORY -- SPACE

	Nature of Effect		Stated Effect Significant at th			
		AI	AII	BI	BII	
ry	JK's had more floors in		***	***		
daries	JK's had more side boundaries in				***	
	no significant effects					
	JK's less often included both outdoor areas and any part of the school in			***	کند رین دست	
	JK's less often has complete shading in			***		
of	no significant effects	 -				
•	no significant effects					
sed	no significant effects					



TABLE 3

CATEGORY -- CLASSROOM CONSTANTS (LIGHTS, DOORS, PICTURES, DESKS OR TABLES AND CH

	0.4.		Stated	Effe
	Code	Nature of Effect .	AI	A
a)	Inclusion of Constants	JK's gave more drawings that featured at least one constant in	***	
ъ)	Lights	JK's gave more instances of more than one light all the same colour in	***	
		JK's gave more instances of inclusion of lights in		
		JK's gave more instances of inclusion of one light	***	
c)	Windows	no significant effects		
d)	Doors	JK's gave fewer instances of more than one door all the same colour pattern in		
e)	Pictures (blackboards, wall charts, bulletin boards, wall pictures)	JK's gave more instances of only pictures in	***	
f)	Children's Furniture	no significant effects		
g)	Children's Chairs	JK's had more multiple chairs each the same colour pattern in	***	**
h)	Teacher's Desk or Table	no significant effects		
i)	Teacher's Chair	no significant effects		



TABLE 3
ORY -- CLASSROOM CONSTANTS (LIGHTS, DOORS, PICTURES, DESKS OR TABLES AND CHAIRS)

	Nature of Effect	Stated	gnificant el in:	at the 5%	
		AI	AII	BI	BII
.ts	JK's gave more drawings that featured at least one constant in	***		***	e1 e1 e
	JK's gave more instances of more than one light all the same colour in	共补补		***	***
	JK's gave more instances of inclusion of lights in	 -		***	***
	JK's gave more instances of inclusion of one light	· ***			-
	no significant effects				
	JK's gave fewer instances of more than one door all the same colour pattern in		en en en		***
s, wall	JK's gave more instances of only pictures in	***			
	no significant effects	·			
	JK's had more multiple chairs each the same colour pattern in	** 36 36	***		
ble	no significant effects				
	no significant effects				



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TABLE 3 (continued)

CATEGORY --- CLASSROOM CONSTANTS (LIGHTS, DOORS, PICTURES, DESKS OR TABLES AND C

	Code	Nature of Effect	Sta te d	Effe
			. AI	A.
j)	Background Shading of Black- board, Wall Charts, Bulletin Boards	no significant effects		1
k)	Appearance of Shading in Constants Other than the Above	no significant effects	هد چه ده	
l)	Use of Colour in Constants Other than Blackboards, etc.	JK's had more instances of use of colour to distinguish parts of objects in		
		JK's had less use of colour just in shading in	 -	
m)	Grouping of Types of Constants (three or more of one kind make a group)	no significant effects		

TABLE 3 (continued)
ORY -- CLASSROOM CONSTANTS (LIGHTS, DOORS, PICTURES, DESKS OR TABLES AND CHAIRS)

	Nature of Effect		Stated Effect Significant Level in:		
	·	AI	AII	BI	BII
f Black- Bulletin	no significant effects				
g in the	no significant effects		, <u>.</u>		
stants ds, etc.	JK's had more instances of use of colour to distinguish parts of objects in			** **	
	JK's had less use of colour just in shading in				***
ore of	no significant effects				



TABLE 4

CATEGORY --- PERSONS

				l Effec	
	Code	Nature of Effect	AI	ΑI	
s.)	Appearance of Person(s)	no significant effects			
ъ)	Person(s) Labelled Boys or with Boy's Names	JK's have more instances of one labelled boy in	grin kang pang		
c)	Person(s) Labelled Girls or	JK's have more labelled girls in	***		
	with Girl's Names	JK's have more instances of one labelled girl in	ent <u>ma</u> 800		
d)	Unspecified Children	no significant effects	arm ann ann		
e)	Sex of Unspecified Children Indicated by Drawing	JK's have fewer unspecified children in			
f)	Size of Teacher Relative to Children	no significant effects			
g)	Size of Teacher Relative to "Artist"	no significant effects		سے و ندہ	
h)	Size of Other Adult(s) Relative to Children including "Artist"	no significant effects			
i)	Size of Labelled Boys Relative to Labelled Girls	no significant effects		<u></u> .	
j)	Size of Unspecified Children	no significant effects			

TABLE 4

CATEGORY -- PERSONS

	Nature of Effect		Stated Effect Significant at t Level in:			
			AII	BI	BII	
(s)	no significant effects					
ys or	JK's have more instances of one labelled boy in			* * *		
irls or	JK's have more labelled girls in	***		***		
	JK's have more instances of one labelled girl in			***		
	no significant effects					
ildren	JK's have fewer unspecified children in			* * *	***	
vive to	no significant effects					
Live to	no significant effects					
)	no significant effects					
: ::irls	no significant effects					
hildren	no significant effects	3				



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TABLE 4 (continued)
CATEGORY -- PERSONS

			Stated	i Effe
	Code	Nature of Effect	Αİ	A
k)	Size of "Artist" Relative to Other Children	no significant effects		
1)	Activity of Teacher	no significant effects		. 1
m)	Activity of Adult Person(s)	JK's have fewer non-teacher adults present who are inactive in	***	-
n)	Activity Through Segregation of Labelled Children	no significant effects		_
٥)	Activity of Artist	no significant effects		-
p)	Activity of Unspecified Children	no significant effects		-
(p	Activity of Labelled Girl(s)	JK's have more inactive girls in		-
		JK's have more girls in		-
r)	Activity of Labelled Boy(s)	JK's have more inactive labelled boys in		-
s)	Differentiation of Type of Person by Labelling	JK's have fewer persons differentiated by labels in	***	-
		JK's have fewer labels that indicate age and sex in	36363E	-



TABLE 4 (continued)
CATEGORY -- PERSONS

	Nature of Effect		Stated Effect Significant at the 5% Level in:			
		AI	AII	BI	BII	
ative .	no significant effects	~~ -		20 to 100		
	no significant effects			with way with		
rson(s)	JK's have fewer non-teacher adults present who are inactive in	** **				
regation	no significant effects					
	no significant effects					
ied	no significant effects					
Girl(s)	JK's have more inactive girls in			363636		
	JK's have more girls in			***		
Boy(s)	JK's have more inactive labelled boys in		~	***		
∕pe of	JK's have fewer persons differentiated by labels in	***				
	JK's have fewer labels that indicate age and sex in	***		pair 100 to 100		



TABLE 5

CATEGORY -- DRAWING THE PERSON

				d Effe	
	Code	Nature of Effect	AI	A	
a)	Head	JK's had more examples of heads with hair in		-	
b)	Facial Features	no significant effects		_	
c)	Stereotyping of Facial Features	no significant effects		-	
•	Use of a Colour for Facial Features	JK's had more examples of different features, different colours in			
e)	Neck	no significant effects			
f)	Arm(s)	JK's had more examples of arms attached to trunk, shoulder or neck in	 -		
g)	Fingers and Hands	no significant effects			
h)	Legs	no significant effects			
i)	Indication and Position of Feet	no significant effects		. =	
j)	Proportion of Feet	no significant effects		-	
k)	Trunk	JK's had more one piece non-stick trunks in		_	
		JK's had fewer persons with no trunk in	***	· _	



TABLE 5

CATEGORY -- DRAWING THE PERSON

	Nature of Effect	Stated		gnificant at	the 5%
	Nature of Biroot	AI	AII	BI	BII
	JK's had more examples of heads with hair in			***	***
	no significant effects				
:1	no significant effects				
'acial '	JK's had more examples of different features, different colours in			***	
	no significant effects				
, 	JK's had more examples of arms attached to trunk, shoulder or neck in			***	
	no significant effects				
	no significant effects				
on	no significant effects				
	no significant effects				
	JK's had more one piece non-stick trunks in			***	
	JK's had fewer persons with no trunk in	35 35 35			



TABLE 5 (continued)

CATEGORY -- DRAWING THE PERSON

			Stated	Effe
	Code	Nature of Effect	AI	A
1)	Stereotyping of Trunk Representation	no significant effects		
m)	Representation of Body	JK's had more examples of any outlined body with outlined arms and legs in	***	<u>,</u> -
n)	View of Person	no significant effects		/-
٥)	Clothing	JK's had more instances of clothing in	***	_
p)	Transparency	no signficant effects	/	-
q)	Presence of Detail	no significant effects		-
r)	Person(s) with Most Detail	no significant effects		-
ន)	Differentiation of Body Parts by Use of Different Colours	JK's had more differentiation by both shading and outline in		_
		JK's had more differentiation by outline colour in	<u></u>	_
t)	Differentiation of Individuals by use of Colour	JK's had more examples of multicoloured individuals where colour was not used to group people in		_



TABLE 5 (continued)

CATEGORY -- DRAWING THE PERSON

	Nature of Effect	Stated Effect Significant at the 5% Level in:			
	Na var o or miroso	AI	AII	BI	BII
К	no significant effects				
tiy	JK's had more examples of any outlined body with outlined arms and legs in	* * *		***	
	no significant effects				
	JK's had more instances of clothing in	###			
	no signficant effects				
	no significant effects				
etail	no significant effects		25 25 25		
ody Parts Jolours	JK's had more differentiation by both shading and outline in			***	
	JK's had more differentiation by outline colour in				***
dividuals	JK's had more examples of multicoloured individuals where colour was not used to group people in			* * *	



DISCUSSION

The pattern of effects that emerge from the data just presented is complex. Meaningful differences were not invariably consistent between matches A and B nor between the two administrations of the test within each match. Any consideration of the data must begin therefore from the fact that they do not follow any simple pattern.

This being said, however, we can make the general observation that significant differences were somewhat more likely to occur in match B than match A and in the first application of the test rather than the second.

It is interesting to compare these results with other available data. In one part of our research programme connected with the Study of Achievement it was observed that only some of the percentages falling within codes changed with the age of the child being tested. These age trends were not always reflected in the same codes that show change in the present study. Another piece of research studied the effect of exposure to Junior Kindergarten as revealed by more conventional measures of "achievement" such as teacher ratings or academic tests. With these measures, an effect was clearly demonstrable in match A but not in match B. The effect declined in subsequent administrations. It seems then that the D.A.C. test administered in Senior Kindergarten can indicate a different pattern of response to Junior Kindergarten than do other measures of school "achievement." Operationally, the D.A.C. test seems different from other measures.

The influence of Junior Kindergarten on D.A.C. test scores obtained in Senior Kindergarten gives rise to effects that are not representative of those that occur during the normal growing up of the "artist" and which tend to diminish considerably after further experience in Senior Kindergarten, presumably indicating they are not of a permanent nature.



It should perhaps be said that this research can be regarded as independent evidence in support of the general finding of the "Study of Achievement" that the effects of Junior Kindergarten are short-lived.

The distinction between matches A and B is that in the first the non-attenders of Junior Kindergarten were those that "didn't go" whereas in the second the non-attenders were those that "couldn't go." In accounting for the differences observed between matches A and B both with the D.A.C. test and with conventional measures, it has to be remembered that in both matches the attenders and non-attenders of Junior Kindergarten were matched on socio-metric indices. Whatever therefore "caused" the differences was clearly non-socio-metric. It has elsewhere (The Effects of Junior Kindergarten on Achievement: The First Five Years -- Board of Education, 1966) been suggested that the answer may lie in "environmental process variables" incentives to intellectualization in the home environment.



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