

THE VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY ANALYSIS OF COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR SCALE 5-6 AGED CHILDREN

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Abstract

In this study a communication skills scale has been prepared for the 5-6 years old children who attend to preschool. The main purpose of the study was to test the validity and the reliability of the scale. Working group of the study was 300 children who were 5-6 years old attending to the public preschools in İstanbul. After the validity and reliability studies a 46 item scale was created. To test the validity of the research, face validity was carried out based on expert opinions and also factor analysis was conducted for the factor structure. The scale was divided into four sub subgroups. The Cronbach's alpha value of the overall scale was .98. Test-retest stability reliability with respect to time was found to be adequate. Consequently, "the 5-6 age group communication skills scale" can be considered as a valid and reliable instrument for the evaluation of children's communication skills at this age.

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