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# Children's Play, Learning and Development

## Unit 1: Child Development

Tuesday 17 May 2016 – Morning  
**Time: 1 hour 45 minutes which includes  
15 minutes reading time**

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## SECTION A – CASE STUDY

You are advised to spend 15 minutes reading the case study before attempting all questions.

Read the following information and answer questions 1 to 8, which are based on this case study.

### Family background information

Alexi is three years old. Nadia is aged seven. They live with their parents. They have just moved to a small, rented run-down cottage in a rural area. The family moved to the United Kingdom two years ago and English is their second language. The parents do not speak English at home. The parents do seasonal work for local farmers. They eat fresh local food that is supplied by the farms. The family moves house every year to live where there is available work. They have few possessions, and the children have limited toys and books.

### Alexi

Alexi enjoys playing ball games in the fields with other boys. Usually the boys play well together, taking turns and sharing when playing. Alexi is very pleased with himself when he scores a goal. Alexi copies his friends and enjoys their company but does not play with his sister's friends when they visit. Alexi imitates the boys' use of the English language and this has expanded his English vocabulary, however one of the boys has been using bad language, which Alexi has also picked up.

### Nadia

Nadia is withdrawn; she has low self-confidence and can get extremely angry when she is criticised by her parents. She knows right from wrong and whilst at home seeks to please her parents. She can dress herself. Nadia is frequently away from school with infections.

### The Village Primary School

Nadia and Alexi have just started attending a small village school. Alexi is in the nursery class and is just getting to know Mrs Batt, his teacher.

Alexi enjoys indoor play and usually follows Mrs Batt's instructions. Alexi enjoys story time and has an estimated vocabulary of 150 words of English, using two-word phrases. On one particular occasion, he used bad language in front of Mrs Batt and was told off for it. He has never used bad language since. Alexi enjoys playing with other children and in particular likes role play.

Nadia is in the infant class but lacks confidence and needs a lot of encouragement to carry out tasks. She is behind in both literacy and maths due to her many absences. Mr Green, her teacher, is attempting to put strategies in place to enable Nadia to catch up. Nadia is good at running and almost always wins races on sports day. Nadia loves to dance and her excellent balance enables her to ride a two wheeler bike. She can perform handstands and is eager to improve her dance movements.