

The Delphi-method

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Picture books and the social-emotional development of young children (4 -6- years old)



Overall plan

- First year (October 2005 – October 2006)
Design analyzing instrument / Selecting corpus
- Second year (October 2006 – October 2007)
Developmental research with part of the corpus (testing keys)
- Third year (October 2007 – October 2008)
Intervention research
- Fourth year (October 2008 – October 2009)
Retention research

Design instrument (set of selecting criteria)

- Delphi-method
 - Qualitative research method
 - Literature
 - Expertknowledge from the field (panel)
 - Different rounds
 - Consensus

The Delphi-method in my project

- Panel of experts (8)
 - school inspectorate
 - schools advisory service
 - youth library
 - primary education, pedagogical education, university education
 - publishing company
 - children's book shop

First round: questionnaire

- 7 open questions:
 - suitable topics
 - story features
 - text features
 - illustrations
 - how to use the books in education
 - with or without help from adults
 - good books/ bad books

Between the first and second round

- Summarise answers
- Prepare statements and questions for second round

Second round

- Statements (scale 1 to 5)
- Topics (yes/no)
- Text (examples + open questions)
- Illustrations(examples + open questions)
- Cover-text (examples + open question)

After the second round

- Analyse data
- Formulate selecting criteria

Third round

- Inform the panel
- State the selecting criteria