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B Matt (dad)
C Stephanie (8)
D Saskia (6)

Q So we'll voice record it all if you're alright with that, but we'll take photos. Or if you want to take photos on our devices that's OK as well, because we want you to kind of be the tour leaders, if that's alright, we're just the people in the crowd. And as you know, I think, we're sort of interested in what you play and particularly if you bring technology and technology type play into the room. Does that make sense?

C Yeah.

Q Lovely.

C You can start with your tablet Saskia.

A What are you going to show them? What type it is.

D It's a Fire for Kids, and it's from Amazon.

A Are you going to switch it on? And it's got that nice chunky case.

Q It was up to you to choose it I'm guessing.

A Do you want to show some of the different apps what's on it? What's that one?

D Where you can rest on one of these.

C Demonstrate, Saskia.

D And that's to colour in like this.

Q That's great, oh Colour by Numbers.

D This one says 'Die' on it.

Q Definitely ghoulish and Halloweeny

C Only because it has got a cigarette on it.

D What?

C It says 'Cigarette', it has a cigarette and then it's got smoke coming up to it and then the smoke spells that.

Q2 Oh I see. Is it encouraging you not to have cigarettes?

C Hopefully. Why would you want to have cigarettes mum?

Q2 How long have you been playing on this for, Saskia?

D I don't know.

Q2 Have you've played on it a few times?

Q So does it offer you like Halloween stuff because of the time of year? Does it bring in new things that are topical? Who found that?

C What about CD's?

Q Was it mum or dad get that for you or was it on there already? Can you remember?

D I wanted to download it

Q Did you? OK.

D When you go on these it shows you all the kinds of pictures you've finished.

Q Oh, so are these ones you've done?

D Yeah.

Q Oh they're lovely. You've done quite a few there by the looks of it.

C Some of them are unfinished.

Q Presumably you can go back to them though can't you?

D I did that one first then that one, then that one, then that one.

C In order.

D Then that one, then that one, then that one, that one, that one, that one....

Q You've done loads.

D That one.

C What about CDs Saskia?

Q Which ones do you like?

D I like that one.

C I like that one.

Q How do you choose which one you're going to select in the first place? Do you know what you look for in a picture? What takes your fancy?

D Erm, you just press on it and you can make it go small or big. This is how big it's allowed to be...

C One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

Q Do you like swirling round the picture and trying to find the number? Is that fun?

D Yes.

Q Gosh that was very good. Tell me, do you always go in order, do you always use one first then two and things like that?

D Yeah.

Q What does it feel like with all that pressing you have to do?

D It makes my finger hurt sometimes after I've done it.

Q Yes. Do you always use the same finger?

D Yeah.

Q It must be very systematic the way you do it. So you're looking for all the twos aren't you before you go on?

D Yeah.

Q Will it let you change to another colour?

D Yeah.

C Yeah.

Q You don't have to find all the twos before you...

C Yeah you can be half way through twos and then move to thirteen or something.

Q2 And you play this as well Stephanie?

C No, I don't have it. I used to have it on my old one but that's died now.

Q What gave you the idea to get it yourself, Saskia?

D Because I liked watching Stephanie play it all the time.

Q Ah, so Stephanie's having it gave you the idea, did she show you or did you sneak up and have a go on hers when she wasn't looking or anything like that?

D I sneaked up and had a go.

Q You snuck, did you? Oh all right. It probably wasn't really sneaking, but... I'm sure she didn't mind. So was that, have you been playing it for a long time?

D Yeah.

Q Yeah you've had it a while. Yeah.

D Yeah.

Q When was it you would have had it, Stephanie? When would Saskia have first seen that?

C About a year ago.

Q OK, yeah. So you've done quite a lot. Do you play on it a lot, Saskia?

D Not like every day. But I do play on it a lot.

Q Is there anything that makes you think 'Ooh, I fancy playing on that today'?

D ??

Q Pardon?

C When she gets bored or she doesn't know what to do, or for example, if she has no Wi Fi then that's one of the things that she could play on while the WiFi comes back or something.

Q Yeah. It's quite satisfying isn't it?

Q2 How do you feel when you've finished a picture?

D I feel proud.

Q2 Do you? It's an accomplishment.

D Once, when I was doing a picture, I had to do ten thousand and thirty-five on one of them.

Q Oh my goodness! Was that the one that made your finger ache, I wonder?

C She's got a hundred and thirty left on this one.

Q Where does it tell you that?

D Down there, near the binoculars.

Q Oh I see. Do you tend to finish them all on the same go? Do you like to get a picture finished once you start? Or do you sometimes leave it and come back to it later?

C Sometimes she does.

D Sometimes I'll leave it and come back to it later.

Q Yeah.

C At the top there's different filters. For example if you change to that filter, you can slide your finger, but if you change to that filter, it's just one at a time.

Q Oh so you're demonstrating it aren't you Saskia? Which one do you like to use?

D I like to use that one because then you get things done quicker with it.

Q2 The one that fills in a few blocks at a time?

D Yeah.

Q So it's sort of an indoor thing? Would you use this indoors?

D Yeah.

Q Do you ever take it outside or is there other stuff to do outside?

D I sometimes take it in the car.

Q Ah. So is it something you might do on a long journey?

A Is that the one that you don't need WiFi for, Saskia?

D Yeah.

Q So you, yeah, it's a really good way of passing the time isn't it. Perhaps we're a bit more comfortable like that. So is this what you'd normally do, you'd kind of sit here on the living room carpet and just...

D Yeah.

Q Have a go on the picture.

D Yeah.

Q And when you do that is there anything else going on like you do that while you're watching television or anything like that or a film?

D I sometimes look up from my computer and watch a bit of telly.

A Multitasking.

Q I was going to say you're a multi tasker. Very good.

D And if something's on that I like...

Q What sort of thing might that be? What sort of thing do you like?

C Alvin and The Chipmunks.

Q Ah. Are you a fan of Alvin? We are in our house too. Have you got a favourite? Do you watch the TV programme because there was a TV programme wasn't there? I don't know if that's been remade.

D Yeah.

A They're always on ?? isn't it Steph? So when we go to the caravan and you've not got as many channels...

C It's still on.

A It's on all the time.

D Not all the time.

Q So is that right, because I think it was Stephanie that said 'Alvin' but is that what you were going to say?

D Yeah.

Q Do you have a favourite character?

D Simon.

Q Simon. He's cute isn't he? Yeah he's lovely. What do you like about Alvin do you think?

D Well I like about him that he's sometimes really bossy and he doesn't do lots of things. He is lazy.

Q He's a bit like we all are really isn't he?

D Yeah.

Q But it's quite funny I think to see him and you can kind of identify with him. Do you like the music because, do they sing on the TV programme like they do on the films? I've not seen the TV programme actually.

D Yeah. I've seen...me and Stephanie have seen the film before.

C There's more than one film actually.

Q There's several, yeah. Which is the one you've seen?

C I've seen three.

Q There's 'Chipwrecked' isn't there?

C We've seen the original.

Q Oh have you? I think that's just called 'Alvin and the Chipmunks' that one, I think and then there's 'The Squeak Wall' or something like that as well and then there's the, whatever I just said 'Chipwrecked'. Do you ever sing the songs? Do you like the music or anything like that?

D I sometimes sing them in my head.

Q Do you? Yeah, I sing in my head too, that's interesting.

C What actually is this, Saskia?

D What?

C This? Piranha. .

D Yeah.

Q Whatever it is it's got ferocious teeth, that's for sure. It seems quite restful this, do you find it makes you feel sort of calm or relaxed or anything like that?

D Yeah. Mm hm.

C I think this is the last number now, is it Saskia?

D Yeah it's my last number.

Q So tell me, what do you do when you've finished? Do you just look at it at all? Let's see...

D I sometimes press that button so it tells me...

C That button tells you the order you've done it in and it shows you a summary of basically what you've just done.

Q2 What do you think about being able to see it like that, as a summary?

Q Oh you get a little message. 'Congratulations!'

C Go back.

D No I can't go back.

C Piranha, that's what you were on.

D Yeah.

Q So do you have to save it or does it automatically do that for you? Oh there's the replay.

D ???

Q Sometimes it takes a while to load doesn't it?

C Shall we show a different app now Saskia?

Q Thank you. That was really interesting. ???

D My favourite apps is Sum Dog. Sum Dog.

Q Ah, now this is something to do with school isn't it? Sum Dog?

D Sums.

Q Sums. So do you, is this something that Meadow Banks get you to do?

C Yes so they set the sign up and everything for you.

Q Looks like you're very good at, were you just logging in then Saskia?

D Yeah.

C Yeah.

Q You're very confident with that. Do you have like a special password and stuff like that? Have a special username?

C Each person in the school has a different password and so that will be it and 'enter'.

Q Yeah. You seem very comfortable with that. So tell me what's happening on Sum Dog.

D You get to tap on some of your pets and they can do tricks.

Q Wow, this sounds fun. I can't wait to see.

C My owl can do that.

Q2 How do you get tricks on it?

D It's like when you've earned some money then you get more tricks to come up.

Q2 Oh how do you earn money on it?

C By playing the different games.

D Games.

Q I see. Do you think the fact that school gave it to you and they're obviously trying to make you do some maths as well, some sums aren't they? Does it feel like work or do you quite enjoy the fact that it's all games and it feels more like playing?

D It feels like I'm at school when I'm not and I'm just learning these things without my teacher.

Q Oh. Is that a good feeling when you learn things without the teacher?

C Right now on the Sum Dog she's practicing her ?? half past.

Q Oh yes.

Time: 15:00

D I like the Chef one because you get to like make burgers.

Q That sounds like a great one. I love cooking, so, yeah.

C You have to get the right recipe.

Q You showed us your cooking things upstairs last time, I remember.

Q2 Oh yeah.

Q So it's all, oh do show because I'm really interested. I'll just watch and not talk to you because you can only do one thing at a time really can't you?

C You have to follow the order.

Q Well done.

C And if you win you get how much money that's in the chest.

Q That's good. Do you do this as well, Stephanie?

C Sometimes, yeah. Still twenty-one burgers to go though. And to get coins you have to do the right recipe as well. So it's not just the maths part, you have to get the recipe right.

Q I see, so you've got to build your burger in a certain way do you mean?

C Yeah.

Q Sorry, I'm not quite sure, how do you know what way to do it?

C There's this little thing

Q Oh it's up there, I see. I mean actually that's really quite something because you've got to have your eyes on a certain place and be thinking...I mean that is multi tasking, I'm not sure I could do that.

Q2 It looks like a fun way of learning.

Q So did the teacher teach you how to use it in the first place in class?

D When my teacher thought that the first time we would go to the ICT room we went on Sum Dog and that's how we knew how to do it when we're at home.

Q I see thank you. Sorry I'm talking to you while you're playing. What do you think of the music, Stephanie? You're bopping away to it, do you like it? It's kind of groovy isn't it?

C Yeah. I'm used to that music. Yeah, I hear it all the time because she's just playing with it all the time.

Q Yeah. Does it kind of get on your nerves after a while? It's a bit of an imposition isn't it?

A ??? all got to us, always in the background.

C That's a lot better.

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C Almost every day.

A The teacher just sat next to them while they were on TT Rockstars or whatever, but on the Rockstars one you can have like little battles so...

Q So like a two player thing you mean? So who do they compete with?

A Stephanie definitely wins, don't you Steph? She knows all the times tables.

Q Oh right. Yes.

A And I don't.

Q OK. You need to get up in the dead of night and just mug up a bit then.

C Won't mess with my scores. Go on Saskia's.

Q Oh yes because of course the scores are recorded aren't they?

C I'm spending coins. I just started spending loads of coins and I used to have a hundred and seventy nine and now I've got ninety something coins, ninety thousand.

Q Timetables Rockstars you're talking about?

C Yeah.

A They call it 'TT Rockstars' don't you?

Q Yes I can see why, it's a very difficult thing to get your tongue round. So do you download apps for Saskia on there or will she... how does that work? Would you request them or...

A Yes. Stuff from school they come home with like their passwords and stuff, I just have to download the app and so she remembers the username and passwords and knows how to get onto it then.

Q Are they all school recommendations that you've got on there then or were they some that you...

A She's got a few things, so might go on CBeebies which has got quite a few games and stuff on but most of the like educational ones are what school have recommended. I think there's Sum Dog, TT Rockstars and they've just started using one called 'Spelling Shed'. They're all set like by the teacher for their level and then it moves on.

Q So the drawing app, where did that come from?

A I don't know where that come from.

Q Perhaps it was already loaded on Stephanie's one.

A Because that one is a kid's fire, it's come preloaded with a lot of stuff.

Q Right, is that useful stuff that it comes with or is that tend to be ignored and you've actually found your own way with it?

A Well we've ordered extra stuff but yeah it's got, it's got lots of books and stuff already on there and...

Q Oh books, not just games?

A Yeah because it's like a Kindle one. There's quite a lot already on there, which was good. I think that's why they're designed for kiddies. So it's already on there for you and then just add whatever you want.

Q Yeah. Can you just remind me when you came to buy them, can you define what sort of led to that?

A She got that for Christmas one year. She wanted the same one as Stephanie's old one which was the Tesco Hudl but they'd stopped making them, so that was just one that we had

a look and thought 'Well that looks good' and she's had it for a couple of years now, still going strong. It stopped charging a bit ago and we thought 'Oh no, it's on its way out' but then I looked it up and it said it might just need like a reset so I held these buttons down and I thought I was a genius because then it started charging again.

Q Yeah so you actually used the internet to find out what was wrong with it.

A Yeah. ??? because we thought it needed a new charger because sometimes they plug them in and we go with them a bit too much so I ordered a new charger but I read that and it just needed this reset thing and yeah. It's got a bit more life in it.

Q It must be quite satisfying to see it continuing to be used.

A Yeah because I thought I might need to buy another one. My dad had got a normal Kindle what he'd got from my mum so she was just going to borrow that one but then that one revived itself so...

Q But you and Matt don't use the Kindle?

A No, I've got that very very old laptop that I bought when I was doing my college stuff, so the odd time I'll put that one and then my dad gave us all his old laptop but to be fair it rarely gets used because I don't like all the new stuff on it. I don't like her having Windows and stuff, so like because he'll say 'Oh what about your new one?' And I put the old one on what takes like half an hour to boot up just because I'm familiar with it and that's where I've got any like...I don't do college stuff anymore but like photos and stuff we've got all albums and that on there and then their dad bought us like all independent hard drives to store everything on. ??? and then you've not lost everything have you.

Q So is this the space where you might all do technology of some type?

A Yeah this is probably where we're on it for most of the time. In the kitchen when they're eating and stuff I don't like them to have it there, so we generally do it in here when they're chilling.

Q Right. Oh that's very interesting, Stephanie's waiting so patiently so I'm going to divert attention back but I will come back to you for amplification if I may. I know Stephanie's waiting. Saskia's on yet another game or are we still on Sum Dog?

C This is Sum Dog.

Q Oh right.

C She says she's just going to carry on playing while we do mine.

Q OK, that's absolutely fine.

C So I'll just show two games.

Q Do you want to carry on filming Beth?

Q2 I don't mind.

Q Super. So talk me through this Stephanie, you're good at explaining. Oh nice music.

C Yeah so there's different songs that you can play. So these are some of my favourites.

Q Have you favourited them with the ???

C Yeah. Yeah you can undo them or redo them.

Q Oh I see. I'm lost. In fact I don't know what app we're on or what we are doing here.

C This is called 'Piano Tiles'

Q Oh gosh, I love this, yes I've seen this. Go on, do show this.

C So...

Q Which one are you going to do for us?

C I'll try and pick an easy one that'll go on for a while. This is one of my favourites. This speeds up.

Q Oops.

C That's ...

Q That's a really fast bit. Oh that's 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' isn't it? It comes from the right hand doesn't it? So tell me about how you came across that app. Did you find it for yourself?

C I was at my friend's and I was sleeping at my friend's and she was looking for apps she could download because she'd just deleted a couple and she'd got loads of space and she found me a different type of piano tiles game, I think it was pop songs so I came home and I asked if I could download it.

Q What did you like about it when you first saw it?

C It's just something to do with your fingers, because I like using my fingers for different things.

Q You've said that before, I remember. Yes. And I don't know, you do music, I know, you're learning the cornet and I just wondered if the musical side of it appealed to you as well? You said your friend found a pop songs one, but you've not gone for that here quite in the same way, what sort of music do you like?

C Not on this one it was called 'Piano Tiles 4' and it was a futuristic version I think it said the 2020 version.

Q That sounds good. So is it a free app this one that you've got?

C Yeah.

Q So how often would you, do you think how often you might come to play on that?

C Normally like when Saskia plays on Sum Dog or that draw app if there's no WiFi or if we're driving down on holiday or something.

Q Right, so it's a kind of backup thing you might do something else if there was WiFi is that what you are saying?

C Yeah.

Q Yeah. How long might you stay on that to play? Do you have a sense of the time? Would it be the whole car journey, like an hour?

C Normally it depends where I am. For example, on the car journey I normally do it twenty to thirty minutes at a time. At home when there's just me on WiFi it doesn't take long for it to reconnect so it's five or six minutes.

Q I see. Do you ever get bored playing with it?

C Not really, no.

Q No? So if you had more time you could go on if you wanted to sort of thing?

C Yeah.

Q Are there other things that you prefer to play though? That sounds like a bit of a backup option. Are there other things that you would put ahead of that to play?

C Yeah.

Q And is that because you've had it for quite a long time do you think and you've just got used to it and the novelty's worn off?

C Yeah, pretty much.

Q Do you remember how long you've had it roughly?

C Only a couple of months, two or three months.

Q Oh OK. Yeah not that long then and do you tend to sort of play with the tablet down here in the living room? I was just saying to your mum everyone seems to have their technology in this room, like her laptops here would you say? Oh you mentioned the car so you have that as an option, but otherwise in the house?

C Yeah, normally I'd sit up there and just play on my iPad up there.

Q So this, I mean I've noticed this with other people, this sort of snuggling up on a chair with your iPad, is that part of the whole experience would you say? Where do you hold it because that's...

A And the dog on there.

Q With the dog as well? My goodness. That is multitasking.

C When I'm playing this I hold it like that, but on the other game I was going to show you, Roblox.

So one, this is just, it's got multiple games and I think they've all been updated though so there's Halloween Adopt Me and this game Birds that my friend found, we were just looking up weird games and she found this one called 'Birds'.

Q When you said that you were looking up weird games I just wondered what you put into the, like were you just flicking through or did you actually search 'Weird games'?

C Yeah we searched 'Weird games' and it came up with just 'Birds'.

Q Love it. You see I would never think to just search on 'Weird games', it's such a good idea.

C And then earlier when we, earlier that day when we searched we found this one called 'Cowobby'

Q What's it called?

C Cow Obby and it's not even a cow obby. It's a rainbow obby.

Q Sorry I'm not understanding what it means by 'obby'

C Obby means obstacle course.

Q Thank you. I've just learnt something completely new.

C It's a, they made it just a shorter way to say 'obstacle course'.

Q I see, is it just in Roblox that they use that word, 'obby' or have you heard it more generally?

C It's, I think it's just in Roblox.

Q Yeah I can see that there's another obby just beneath it now. Thank you for telling me that. So is that a type of thing that they've got these obstacle courses? Is it a bit like Subway Surf then when you've got... is that what you mean by an obstacle course where you're sort of dodging things?

C Yes.

Q Oh you've got categories, OK.

C So these are my favourites. I've got Skate MacDonalds, Royale High, Adopt Me.

D Halloween. Rainbow...

C Super funny easy obstacles...

Q Do you want to be here Saskia so you can see it better?

C If I clicked on one... on this one it's just had an update and you need to save up different sweets for different prizes.

Q Oh I see so when it does an update are you saying that some of the things you earned in the previous thing of the game don't come through then or does it affect where you've got to in the game?

C Sometimes but the updates that it's just had it's a Halloween update.

Q Oh I see.

C And you didn't lose any of your books or anything unless it got restarted, it's just adding different things on to what you've got already.

Q So it's given it a Halloween makeover almost. How long will that stay on there?

C It's, I'm not sure when it ends, it says the shop's going to close in January but I'm not sure that's how long, I'm not sure how long you'll be able to ???

D Stephanie

C Yeah.

D Show them how many pets you've got.

C OK. It needs to load first. I've got a lot of pets. So erm, with your pets you can teach them to do different tricks and stuff like that and so I've got...

D A newborn evil unicorn.

C I've got this, it's an evil unicorn called 'Willow' and I've got 'Talía' who is fully grown who is a parrot, I've got Lexi who is a red panda and then Ginger the red panda and Zenom the zombie buffalo, that's one of the Halloween ones. Like this one's a Halloween one as well, the evil unicorn.

Q Brilliant. I love it. Who chooses the names, Stephanie?

C It's the creator.

Q So it's already on the game.

C Yeah. So I've got Rose who is a beaver and Johnny who is a beaver as well, Brownie who is a bear and Ronnie who is a Rhino, Lily who is a snow cat and Izzy who is a snow cat, Theo who is a black panther and so is Leo, he is a black panther as well. Ellie, Skye, Jason the ??? and Coco and Mango are chocolate Labradors. Alex and Thomas are pumas, Julian and Duke are Snow cats.

D Again.

C Anya, Lisa, Charlie, Amanda and Albert are all buffalos.

D What about that buffalo? You didn't say that one.

C Yeah I did. And Savannah, Amy are grey cats, Lara, Kiki and Esme are dogs and that's Honey my otter.

Q I'm noticing you're needing to press to get the names, because it must be difficult to remember them all. What about the actual animals, you seem very clear on what the animals are and it's not telling you that is it? Is that just from your own knowledge?

C Yeah. If I teleport and I know a place where it tells you their names but you can see the different pets and it's like a board so you can see what you've collected. So it's this board here and you can see the different pets you've collected and the ones that you need to unlock. So I think that's a blue dog, fennec fox, a meerkat, I'm not sure what that one is, that's a hog, you've got bunny, elephant, hyena, rabbit. For some reason they have bunny and rabbit separately.

Q That's weird isn't it? Yes I don't know what that's about.

C I think they just want to make more pets.

Q Well perhaps that's it Stephanie, that's right. More things to unlock.

D Crocodile, flamingo, horse, lion, penguin and duck. Shiba Inu, sloth, back dragon, normal dragon, giraffe, golden penguin, griffin, shadow dragon, and unicorn.

Q Saskia, you seemed really keen on the pets, you wanted Stephanie to show them straight away. What do you like about those?

D That they are all different shapes and sizes.

Q That's lovely. Do you like the fact that they've got names or anything like that? Are they... go on.

D I like the names they have.

C Tell me to go in here.

Q What about you, Stephanie? What's your sort of attitude to the pets?

C I like them, it's fun, collecting them so they don't just come like that, they come in eggs. You buy an egg and you have to do different things to help it hatch and I like the bit of not knowing what you are going to get.

Q2 Oh, so it's a surprise, you don't know what's going to come out of the egg?

C Yeah.

Q2 I see.

C So Albert needs a drink. Yeah I just think it's fun. It's just unboxing the pets and also you're earning the candy at the top there.

Q Candy at the top. OK, just tell me about the candy at the top.

C So some of them, if I teleport to the Halloween shop.

Q Yes, OK.

C From here, hear the music?

Q I love the music. I'm always on about music aren't I? But I'm really interested in that.

C This, I have this. It's a pumpkin carriage.

Q Very Cinderella.

A Do you have special things you can earn for Halloween?

C Yeah and you have to save up different things so there's zombie buffalo, which I have, candy hunt's starting, evil unicorn which I have. That's what I'm saving up for a back dragon which is a hundred and eighty thousand.

Q Blimey and where is what you've got at the moment? Is that at the top right hand corner there?

C Mm hm.

Q Yes.

C And there's different things, so, ferris wheel propeller, creepy balloon, this is a grappling hook, this is a rattle in a net toy, axe rattle and there's pogo sticks and banjos.

Q And you don't...you seem really comfortable in all this world. To me it's quite...you know amazing that there's so much there. Did you always feel like that or did you have a time where you found it all a bit confusing and didn't know how to get around in ...

C Yeah at some point when I was just discovering the game and one of my friends recommended it to me and I didn't know where anything was and at one point my dog, which

was my first pet, wanted to go camping and I had absolutely no idea where the camping centre was.

Q Right. What happened then? Did you get fed up? Did you go and ask somebody?

C Yeah. I moved on to a different game for a bit and in the chat, which is off the games, it's in the friend chat, I asked where is the camping centre on Adopt Me? Is there actually a camping centre or is it messing with you? And so we joined and it turns out it's right at the back of the, it's right at the back of the map and yeah that's, I think that's what they call it, a map and I might be able to get to it from here.

Q Oh thank you.

Q2 Just quickly, you know the Halloween things, are they only available for a limited time?

C Yeah.

Q2 Does that make you want to get them more?

C Yeah.

Q2 I see, because you might not be able to get it again, so it's quite exciting.

C Yeah.

Q Is there something about sort of collecting things, do you think it's satisfying to collect things or...

C Yeah. I like collecting the candy just going round and also there's different activities that go on through the day like for example one of the things is, there is a special event happening at the graveyard where you knock on grave stones to earn candy and you have to watch out for ghosts, so if you earn candy then you get that amount of candy but if you find a ghost you get a life took off you.

Q Oh gosh.

C And you have a certain amount of lives.

Q So many lives. Yeah. Do those games sort of remind you of games that you may play offline as well?

C Yeah.

Q So are they kind of familiar in a way? Do you kind of know what to do for the game and stuff?

C Yeah and the person who made this game wanted it to be like a real life game so where you've and you can adopt people and then you've got different pets you can have and stuff.

Q Do you ever think about the people who've made the game? Are you kind of thinking about the fact, almost that you're getting inside the mind of the people who designed and developed that game?

C Yeah.

Q You just mentioned about them there and you seem to have got in your thoughts but I could be wrong so tell me please if I am, that you're thinking about the people who made the game and what they want you to do, what the idea is here. Is there a thought about that in your head and piecing it together and 'What have I got here and what do they want me to do?' Is there anything you think that they could improve on or do better or introduce?

C Yeah if you've got a thing that they want to introduce, you click on this button, have an issue, have an idea, tell us. I have an idea, you have an idea, what's your idea....

D I want to type in an idea.

C What idea?

D I want to type it in.

C No, what idea do you have?

D Swimming pool.

C There is a swimming pool.

Q Well, shall we type it in and see what happens? Maybe they'll say 'Well there is one already' or...do you think? Is it worth doing that?

C It doesn't react straight away.

Q OK.

C It doesn't react straight away.

Q Oh I see. OK then.

C Or send it to the creator and it'll say 'Yes' or 'No' and if he says 'Yes' he'll develop it into the game, for example ...

D Cinema. Cinema.

C For example you could say 'Maybe you could add a different egg'.

Q Yeah.

C So what different type of egg can you have?

D A farm egg.

C There is a farm egg. You could have.... Do you have any ideas for what type of egg you could have?

Q It's difficult to know without, I mean...

C It could just be any type of egg.

Q Do you mean like, a different type of egg in terms of appearance.

C Yeah it could be like a...

D It could be like a Santa Claus egg.

Q Could it be like a prickly egg or a multi coloured egg or something like that or a different shape of egg? Because we always think of eggs as being oval don't we? So what could they be like? A square egg.

D Or an egg like with a Santa hat on it and with a beard.

Q I wonder why you're thinking about Santas and beards, but I think that's a great idea, yeah. You're getting into the Christmas season and that'll be the next thing.

C So Christmas egg.

D With a hat.

A That looks like Christmas animal.

C No she said Christmas egg.

D With a hat and a beard.

C Christmas egg and multi coloured egg.

Q Oh that's fine. I can't get the screen on, that's fine.

C Shall we say square egg like you said.

Q I was just being ridiculous really. How about a musical egg, you know I keep going on about music? Could we have that as well?

Q2 Dinosaur egg. Can you have dinosaurs on it?

Q Too many ideas here.

C No it doesn't matter.

Q You're very game to put them in. They probably won't let you put in as many as this.

C Christmas egg and multi-coloured egg.

D Multi

C Don't know how to ... multi-coloured egg. What else can you say? Prickly egg, that's a good one.

D Prickly egg. What about erm....Stephanie what about a Christmas egg with a hat, a hat and a beard?

Q I love that idea. It's sort of like the things you do at Easter but you've made it into a Christmas tradition. Do you paint eggs at Easter, have you ever done that?

D Yeah.

C Prickly egg, there's, what did you say, dinosaur egg? That was a good one.

D Stephanie can we have my idea?

C What?

D An egg with a Christmas hat, a Christmas hat and a beard.

C We have Christmas egg, we just have Christmas egg.

D I want it to have a hat and a beard.

C Yeah that might be what it would have. Submit. It says 'Thanks for the great idea' on it. It'll bring it in and develop it.

Q That's great. Have you done that before Stephanie? Have you sent in ideas before?

C Yeah, like once I came up with this thing outfits for pets, you can have different outfits for pets.

Q Great idea. Brilliant.

C And I was coming up with different pet ideas so and then I, once I sent this idea called 'Underwater egg' earlier today actually and it said the underwater egg could include different things like a whale and dolphin and seahorse.

Q It's a really neat idea isn't it? Because it makes me think about underwater things completely differently, because by and large they, apart from tadpoles probably which are ?? frogs, things under water I don't think they really get, do they get born by eggs? So we don't really see that process so it makes me think about biology in a whole new way there. Outside the box that is brilliant.

C It's just, things like for example a unicorn doesn't come out of an egg, a pirate doesn't normally come out of an egg.

Q Do they on this game? Or is it just you are taking on that idea?

C Yeah. A cat or a dog doesn't come out of an egg or a bear.

Q No that's right.

C They just...

D A baby duck comes out of an egg.

C Just thinking different ideas to make it more exciting. Because someone came up with the egg idea to start with and it was just, you would just buy the pack knowing what you get, it's just to make it more mysterious like you're not knowing what you are getting.

Q Yes of course, what do you think to that idea? It's a bit like wrapping up Christmas presents or something like that isn't it? It's quite an old idea in some ways but do you think it's a good one still or are there other ways that you could do the same, play the same trick as it were? There probably are aren't there?

D I'm not ??? for you.

C If we went onto a different game, leave game, because there's more than one different game.

Q Oh are there? Right.

C You don't have to play Adopt me if you get bored of Adopt Me then...

Q Can I just ask you, do you get bored with Adopt Me? Do you ever...

C Sometimes.

Q Yeah. Do you know what it is that makes you bored? What is it?

C It's just doing the same thing over and over again.

Q OK.

C Like for example if I went Royale High, you do quite, you're doing different things on Royale High every day.

Q Are you comfortable doing it on the floor or do you want to do it on the sofa?

C No you're all right.

Q All right. You tell me if you get pins and needles. So the games that are in there, all the different ones, do you have to, do you have to download those things yourself or are they part of the package?

C Yes they come as part of the Roblox game. You can post different games as well if you're on the download the Roblox creator app and then you'll have different games.

Q2 So if the players of the game can make... players of Roblox can make games to add to it?

C Yeah.

Q2 Oh OK.

C I'm going to try and make it over to the carriage without it glitching.

Q2 Do you think other players making the game is a good idea?

C Yes because the people that play it know what they want to have in the game and they've got friends in it as well and it's just good that players can make it but also other people as well.

Q2 Yes because you get what you want as a player.

C Yeah.

Q2 I see. Brilliant.

Q Have you done that, Stephanie?

C No I haven't downloaded the app because the app costs money, the actual Roblox creation app costs money.

Q I see, yes.

C We're arriving at the castle.

Q You're arriving at the castle, yeah.

C It takes a while. Oh here we go.

Q Saskia do you often watch Stephanie whilst she's playing on here?

A She wants to have it as well.

Q Yeah.

A I think it ???

D When she goes to the toilet I normally play on it for her.

Q Oh we're making your secrets come out now aren't we?

C On this game you have a schedule, you have a schedule, see tomorrow's schedule.

D Have you got any homework?

C Go on, no I don't have any homework to do, just drawings. There's different things you do every day and right now it's the dance and that is what and you can just do different things. It's like it's supposed to give you the impression that it's a real school. Buy a watermelon, so I need to wait over at the... whoops, pick up area...there we go. A watermelon. Pick that up.

D You got that, you got ???

C Can I have it please?

Q Is there anybody else on the game?

C Yeah, there's loads of different people on the game.

Q Yeah that's what I thought. I can't see many in here.

C There.

Q Oh there, OK.

C And there's someone over there. It's just a really big school, I think, that's why.

Q Do you ever interact with other people?

C Sometimes yeah, because it's supposed to be real life you wouldn't just keep to yourself.

Q Well that's what I wondered because it's difficult... I guess we haven't really sort of met anybody here.

C Well the whole point of Roblox is to help you make new friends while having fun and playing the game. Because it's a worldwide thing you can make new friends from around the world basically.

Q Have you ever, so have you made new friends yet? Do you feel that...

C Not yet. I need to go and clean a dorm. Every fairy in this little game needs a dorm.

Q Right.

C So you need to clean a dorm so that you can sleep in because if you don't sleep then your energy level lowers and you get lower grades at school, so I think everything you do it basically adds up to something you do in the game.

Q Do you, well when I think about that I think 'Oh well, what if I didn't want to?' It doesn't give me a choice in a way. Do you mind that? Do you like to play the game like they want you to play it or do you think sometimes 'No I want to do my own individual things'?

C You can do different things, like there's different consequences for things you don't do or something.

Q Yeah.

C Oh I'm flying. Yeah and there's different, for example... for example if you don't want to sleep then you'll get lower grades in class but if you do sleep your hair will mess up so there's different consequences for what you do.

Q Oh so it's not sort of black and white in terms of good and bad ways to act in the game.

C Yeah and it's so, I do have a brush though in my locker because this is supposed to be a boarding school.

Q I was just thinking suppose you're wanting to be someone who has messed up hair all the time, is there room for that kind of being an individual in the game do you think? I mean perhaps you don't want to be a rule breaker but I'm a bit of a rebel and I like to break the rules, do you know what I mean? Do you keep the rules by and large? Do you tend to do what you think they want you to do to progress?

C They do to progress in levels because I'm on level eleven, to progress in the levels you need to go to lessons and sleep and eat.

Q Right. And what do you think about that? It sounds a bit like real school doesn't it? Is that good or bad or you don't mind?

C You can miss lessons but then you won't progress on it as a student.

Q Right. So you think by and large that's a good thing because it makes you go to the lessons and stuff. That's really interesting. Tell me about, you mentioned about other people. Have you interacted much with other people in the game?

C Sometimes if I'm new to the game I'll go up to someone who's played it for a while and say 'Can you show me where this place is?' for example.

Q In the game you mean?

C Yeah. When I started playing this I didn't know where any of the classrooms were and you had to hand in homework at the classrooms, so I had to ask 'Do you know where the bakery is?' 'Do you know where the English classroom is?' 'Do you know where the art classroom is?'

Q Yes.

C Because when you actually go to lessons you just teleporting round it, it lets you teleport to them so you don't have to find your way there.

Q And the people that you've interacted with so you're interacting in English because you're saying that there could be people from all over the world in the game?

C Yes there could be people from Spain or France or...

Q But the people you've spoken to speak back in English?

C Yeah.

Q And have they always responded to you? Have they always replied?

C Not always.

Q No.

C So I'm thinking ...

Q If that was me I'd be shy you see.

C They just, I think if they don't respond they don't know where I want to go or they're a different language and they don't understand.

Q Right. Has anyone ever addressed you in the game and spoken to you?

C Yeah I remember that I met someone new and they'd named themselves Naomi, they didn't know where the baking classroom is and I had to take her and she could see everyone was flying around so if I come out of my dorm a sec, because I need to be able to come out to be able to fly, so I come out and so to fly you double jump and then it, you put your finger where you want to go.

Q Again, how did you know to do that?

C I saw, I didn't know myself until I asked someone to do it to try and help me.

Q In the game again? Because you've actually got a lot of help from other players then.

C Yeah.

Q Do you tend to ask them or have you also watched without asking anything? Can you learn anything just by observing?

C Sometimes but sorry I'm just getting my books for tomorrow.

Q I know you're talking to me and doing that very skillfully if I might say so.

Q2 Stephanie, you know that you said that you spoke to somebody who called themselves Naomi?

C Yeah.

Q2 Do people tend not to use their real names for their characters?

C Yeah because on Roblox you can communicate with other people and stuff but you're at a risk of giving away information about you so they say when you join name yourself a code name so no one will find out who you actually are.

Q So where does it say that? Is that at the beginning of the game or the bit at school?

C The people who've created the game. That's why I've called myself 'Lexi' because to call myself Stephanie then they might think that's a piece of information that they find out about me, that my name's Stephanie so even though it's just a little piece of information it can equal to a lot of things being discovered about you.

Q That's right, it all adds up.

C Yeah.

Q And you've learned about that obviously here because that's what encouraged you to, but do you learn about that in other places too?

C Yeah.

Q Do they teach you that at school?

C Yeah.

Q Or have mum and dad said about it or...

C I mean it's just the creators of the game, so like you've got, you can change your name, so it starts off just your normal username, my username is 'Sleep Forever 9'.

Q I saw that. I love it. I wonder who thought of that wonderful name?

C Me. It was me.

Q Mine would be 'Sleep Forever 99'. Lovely. Nine is how old is it? I was thinking they would be the hours I could be in bed.

C Yeah. I was thinking Sleep Forever and six or eighteen and something like that but it says it says 'Sleep forever 18's already took, try Sleep Forever 8 instead, Sleep forever 8's already took, try Sleep Forever 9'.

Q Oh I see so that's how you arrived at that. Yeah. And then you changed the name to Lexi?

C Yeah.

Q Any particular reason for Lexi?

C Yeah. Not really. I just think it's a nice name. I started off on this game as Esme.

Q Oh yeah.

C But then I changed it.

Q I think you like names that end with 'I' sound. Stephanie, Lexi, Esme.

C Yeah I'm going to get in my pyjamas because it's three in the morning. Yeah you can make different outfits. For example, I just had, I have a different outfit for sleep, school outfit is for chemistry, English, things that don't get messy.

Q OK.

C Then you've got at the dance, so you need a swimming pool outfit in case you get wet, a PE outfit in case you get too sweaty, baking and art.

Q Oh yes, yes, apron and stuff, yes.

C And then it's just empty outfit slot.

Q Choose an outfit for today. So can you, it says you can create a new one actually there as well. Have you done anything like that?

C Sometimes if I just want to wear something different I can create a new outfit.

Q Sometimes people say it's all a bit too easy and you can just get things off the hook, adults who probably haven't played the game to be honest, but I wondered whether you valued things that are creative in the app whether there's where it gives you the chance to be a bit arty or creative, do you like doing things like that or is it just better to get on with the game?

C I like just being creative and being creative and just doing different things in the game.

Q One of the things I noticed is because also I know you like reading, is there isn't exactly a story that's going on here is there, or is it you just doing things?

C Yeah, it's almost breakfast time I think. Yeah, normally you just end up walking round. It says different times for the class to start. It says class starts in five minutes, make sure you have this book ready.

Q Right, so it's a little bit of a story going on but there isn't, or do you imagine stories in your head? Are you bringing anything in your mind to it? Can you think about that? I know it's a funny question.

C Not normally.

Q No.

C I know this thing called 'Go Shopping', this is where I got my wings from and there's, you see the diamonds there, oops...wings, you can buy different wings. The ones that I've been wanting, where have they gone? Autumn Glow, there, those are the ones I want.

Q Oh three thousand diamonds worth. Yes.

C I'm saving up for those.

Q They're lovely those. I love the colours. Do you ever play with friends that you know that are in the game?

C Yes. If you want to, because there's no way of teleporting to your friends like on Adopt Me, so you click on the cell phone and you can text your friends and this is my friend Alisha, Megan, Harriet, Cheryl, Gibson and Gemma, so if I wanted to text Gemma then you can, for example, if they're on the game, so it looks, you can type 'Where are you?' and if I was to send that and if she was on the game, so, this little thing, oops I've come off it, go home. If the little thing yeah is awake and it says 'Online' there then you can text them and try, like, 'Where are you? I'm by the breakfast bit'.

Q Mm hm, so you can find each other? Then what might you do when you are both together? Is there a kind of two-player way of playing in this world?

C Well normally you can communicate and just because there's the chat you can talk to each other and I need to dress up in my swimming outfit because that's my first lesson.

Q I know. I'm distracting you from where you need to go.

C Yeah.

Q Cool.

C So I go to the café and for example morning toast and fruit with orange juice. Slide your card and you get a lunch ticket and you can go and use your lunch ticket, buttons three thousand.

Q So the game is suggesting in some ways things for you to do later on in the game isn't it?

C Yeah. Here we go, here it is, my meal. You can go sit at the table and eat it. Morning toast and blueberries.

Q2 And whoever you can phone is that how you find new people in this game?

C Yeah.

Q2 But can you find your friends if you play like another game like Adopt Me or some of the other ones?

C No, it's only on this game.

Q2 I see and you say you can teleport to friends on Adopt Me?

C Yeah you can, there's a little button at the side. You click on it and it says 'Which friend would you like to teleport to?' and you can type in their name and it says 'They are offline', or 'They are loading into the game' or it'll say 'Teleporting'.

Q Supposing one of your friends is in the same room and you want, would you play this game together if you were sort of physically together in the same room? Or could you?

C You could, yeah but I'm just about to get in my school outfit.

Q Sorry I'll let you do that then.

C It turns out it's not swimming first, it's Chemistry. No clothing.

Q Can you go to a clothing...

A Have you played it with Megan when she's been down?

C Pardon?

A Have you played it with Megan when she's been down?

D Yeah. She has.

C Yeah.

Q So you can get both of your characters up on the screen at the same time and then you share the screen. Is that how it works? And then you can move your own, because there's only one set of controls isn't there?

C Yeah.

Q So do you just take it in turns to move the figures? How did it work do you remember?

C It works, you, sometimes if you get a different, you can have either a different computer screen or you'd have to...

Q Oh can you do it with two screens?

C Yeah.

Q Did you, that time with Megan did you do it with two screens or did you do it off the same...

C Yeah.

Q Oh OK. I was assuming it was the one screen but...Do you ever get lonely in this world?

C Not lonely.

Q If your friends are not around? Is it because you are busy sort of doing stuff?

C Yeah and you've got different lessons and it, you don't have the same schedule every day, it mixes it up.

Q Right. So the messages that you're getting from the machine that are telling you about the game is telling you isn't it?

C Mm and there's different breakfasts and dinner on every day.

Q That would be a big draw for me, the food side of things. Does it do different coffees as well? Can you have a latte?

C Yeah there is actually a latte.

Q Oh they've thought of everything haven't they? Amazing. Thank you, Stephanie I knew you'd know, you're very very good. Wow thank you very much indeed. That's been fascinating. I'm just aware that we perhaps should have been visiting some of the rooms and also including Saskia again but that has been very interesting.

A I'll put the radiators on Steph if you want to go in the conservatory.

Q Oh thank you. Shall we do the conservatory? That's a very important room isn't it? Is that all right Beth?

Q2 Yes.

A Do you want to show them what you've got?

Q Wow, what have we got here? This is amazing.

A You've seen that before, they play that on the kitchen table. Catamaran isn't it?

C Normally when I'm playing Royale High I tend to come off at the end of the day at the dance, so when the day's actually ended.

Q Oh yeah of course, because it could perhaps feel a bit funny to actually finish in the middle of the day, so do you try and get to the end of the day to come off the game? Yeah. I hadn't thought about that but that's a really good observation. And here's your lovely lovely playroom. Oh thanks for putting those on for us, thank you. You're anticipating us spending some time in here. This is lovely isn't it? It's the first time I've been in here. Wow. So what have we got and where shall we start, Saskia?

D I've got loads of seashells.

A We're not getting all them out.

Q They are beautiful.

D I've got two hundred and sixty-four.

Q Oh my heavens, you know down to the very last one. That's amazing.

A You collected some more at the weekend didn't you to add?

Q Oh lovely. Oh is that the caravan somewhere beachy then?

A Yeah, Cleethorpes.

Q Oh fabulous. I'm just going to sit here if I may. Lovely. Oh so how did you collect those? Did you go along the beach and just pick up, and are there particular ones that attract you that you like? Get the interesting ones.

D I just got seashells, I've got a few rocks like this one.

C She's got clams.

Q Wow and do you actually, is it collecting that you like to do with those or do you actually play with them when you get them home?

D I just like collecting them.

Q Mm, you've got a fantastic collection. I love them. Thank you.

D I just found this tiny seashell stuck in there.

Q Oh wow. That's amazing isn't it. Beth do you want to be here?

Q2 I'm Ok stood up.

Q OK, fine. Oh thank you for that so we've got the seashells in here so what else do we have? Oooh I know what this is.

C This is my scrapbook.

Q This is amazing. How's it going?

C It's quite good. I still have a lot to do though.

Q That's all the things in there that you're going to do because you've been putting that together pretty much all the time since we've met you. Oh that's, I really want to see this very very much because I know you've been working on it.

C So to start I've just put a photo of us at the Villa and just decorated the front and then as soon as the travel day, so this is before when we are about to set off and we were just taking pictures of the meals and then we were having breakfast in the airport.

Q2 Oh you've got a Disney theme, that's lovely.

Q How did you feel? Were you very excited?

C Yeah on the first day we had a chill out day at the resort and we were playing hide and seek in the villa, that night we watched a horror movie upstairs because we had our own private TV upstairs and the outside mine and Saskia's room was ?? and David's room and then we had our own little TV and while they were playing Gin Rummy downstairs and we were just watching the horror movie.

Q Right, so you didn't want to join in the game downstairs, is that right?

C Yeah, they were playing cards yeah while we watched the movie they were playing cards.

Q I see so you've got a choice.

C Yes and mum said to dad we'll play this game with gin rummy, every time you lost you had to have a shot of gin.

Q Well in that case that perhaps wouldn't have been appropriate for you guys would it?

C Yeah that's why we weren't allowed to play.

Q That's why you weren't allowed Gin Rummy. Silly me, I should have known shouldn't I? I've never played that game.

C Yeah we went to the resort water park that day, that's the photos. And at the....

Q Oh Saskia's got some ???

C No.

D Oh. ???

C No.

Q Did you write that at the time or is that just your memories?

C That's what I've been writing.

Q Yeah, you obviously remember it very well, you didn't keep a diary while you were there, you were too busy enjoying yourself.

C Yeah I did actually keep a diary.

A Yeah, it's in that box I think.

Q Oh that's brilliant. I'm surprised you found time for it. I was just thinking you must have been enjoying it so much you probably didn't have much time.

C Yeah this is the day we went to our first park. That was my dinner. Chicken nuggets and sweets.

Q That sounds a very memorable dinner. Sweets for dinner? Crikey.

C Yeah ??? and it says I had mini waffles, marshmallows, gummy bears, chocolate chip, M&Ms, chicken nuggets and cake all covered in chocolate. Apart from the chicken nuggets, obviously.

Q I love the way you put obviously, obviously we don't want chocolate on our chicken nuggets. Oh that's very memorable and there's the photo that goes with that memory isn't it?

C Yeah. Every night in Magic Kingdom they put on the Happily Ever After fireworks show and we watched part of that when we went on the Seven Dwarfs ride.

Q OK so this is actually in the theme park itself.

C Yeah, the Seven Dwarfs ride this is in the theme park. When we were on the Seven Dwarfs ride but then the pirates just came out of nowhere, it was so good.

A Because what had happened were we went back that first night to go on this particular ride that we'd got fast passes for, it's really hard to get, and then you know what Florida is like they'd had really bad rain and so we didn't think we were going to get on the ride and the firework parade weren't on and we were like 'Oh no'. We were all shattered but we'd made the effort to go back but it all worked out in the end because it was about ten o'clock at night weren't it, Steph? We managed to get on the ride that we wanted to go on and then as we were going around it was really magical, the fireworks just came on.

Q Oh it just happened to coincide.

A So we went from being 'Oh I'm cold, the rain's spoiling it and we can't get on the ride' to ???

Q2 It sounds brilliant.

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Q It's open quite late at night then. I didn't realize that.

C Yes. Open till about 12.

Q Oh wow.

A The fireworks finish about ten don't they? But then you've got to get back and everyone's trying to get back on the monorail.

C Yeah we started going back a couple of minutes early before they finished, before the rampage.

Q Good strategy, yes. I can see why. What have we got here?

C These are some of the photos from the first day. So that's from our character, that's just a character photo that we had after the magic carpets ride, just with Jasmine and Aladdin.

Q Are these photos that they took and you bought or are these photos that you just took yourselves?

C That was one that we bought but we took these two ??? and we only took that one.

A You get it included with your tickets called 'Memory Maker' so there's loads of professional photographers around and then you just download them all and print them out.

Q That's amazing. It's the whole package hey, wow.

C Yeah and then the next day we went to Epcot and we met Big Hero Six, Joy and Sadness and ??? and Penelope and that's just a photo. We went on three fast pass that day, Soaring, which was a ride, we got lifted up into the air and it felt like you were flying around the world because it was called 'Soaring around the World'.

Q That sounds amazing. Wow.

A Brilliant.

C And then those were right next to each other so we didn't have far to walk for that one.

Q I see and have you seen like the films that all these characters are coming from?

C Yeah.

Q So you know the stories you know what happens to them in the film and everything?

C Yeah.

Q So how was it when you went there and I mean this one, what an incredible photo. What was this like?

C It was really nice. That's the one we got just before that one.

A They were very excited about the Joy and Sadness because we do like that film.

Q2 Inside Out is it? Yeah.

Q I was going to say is that film Inside Out? I couldn't remember the name of it, that's right.

C I thought we were trying to get to Mary Poppins but we didn't get to Mary Poppins.

A It's so big and it takes so long by the time we got to Mary Poppins...

C Yeah, she was gone.

Q Oh no. You need to be a bit savvy don't you about how to get the best out of ...

C Yeah I think it was a choice because these were about to go off so it was either Joy and Sadness or Mary Poppins.

A We didn't realise there were two different doorways that just said 'Characters' so we were queuing up for what we thought was to go on Sadness and it took a while and it weren't, it was Minnie and Mickey who we'd already met the day before but it was still nice but then we had to go opposite and queue up again for Joy and Sadness which took another hour.

C And then we didn't have time for Mary Poppins.

Q So I'm very naïve, I don't know. So you queue up and meet a character, what happens then? What happens when you meet them?

C When you meet them before you take the photo and you talk to them for a bit and like Sadness and Joy ???

Q And is there, does it, is it like exciting to meet them or is it a bit of a disappointment in some way because they've been in your imagination and on TV or in a film? How does it feel to meet them when they are more in the flesh as it were?

C Yeah and they're actually talking to you.

Q Yeah how does that feel? Can you remember now?

C That and that, I like it because you're getting more attention, because on the film they weren't, they won't say your name or anything and they won't look straight at you but then they're actually talking to you in person.

A A lot of them were quite comical weren't they? I don't think you were there, Steph but when we met Mike and Sully off Monsters Inc, they were really funny.

Q2 Did they have Chip and Dale? I met them when I was four, it was great.

C Three hours we queued for.

Q Wow.

D And we still didn't get on it.

Q Yes that's what Stephanie was just saying. How did you feel meeting the characters Saskia?

D I felt happy.

A It was funny because you took...

D ???

Q Yeah. Is it scary though because they look absolutely gigantic?

A Which one's the big monster? Is that Mike or Sully?

C The big monster is Sully.

A Oh yeah. He was ginormous.

Q How did you feel? It must have been really weird.

A They were very friendly weren't they? Because she kept taking Bruce with her, the like they really interacted with him and singing Baby Shark songs and stuff.

Q Oh brilliant. Yes. So if you were to, have you been back to watch any of these films since you've been there? Has it changed the way you think about the films now? Have you done anything like that? Perhaps not.

C This was one of the best days because....

Q Oh tell us about one of the best days. My birthday actually this happened on.

C So on this day this is not until a couple of days after I figured out I'd been put on TV. Not me in person, me and ??? were still in the background for the queue for Fahrenheit Drop and someone was filming because it's supposed to be a mini TV show but it actually got on 'You've Been Framed' because someone tried to do a back flip off and they caught their legs on the zip wire and they couldn't get it, they couldn't get their legs back off and they hit their head back on the ??? and that got put on You've Been Framed.

A And you were at that actual spot weren't you?

C Yeah I was the other person that was going to be after that so you could see me when they came back. You could see me in the background.

Q Wow. How did that feel? You obviously remember it very clearly. How did you, how did you know you were on there?

C It's on the TV. I could just see it in the background, you could just see me in the background of the ride.

Q So was it a big surprise for you? No wonder that was the best day from your point of view. That's very memorable.

C Yeah and on the other ride, the other side we went on that day was ??? And that was what it sounds like. It's got two sides and you can race against your friends.

Q That sounds incredible.

D Then we went to a water park and I didn't go on big rides but I went on two big slides.

C Yeah they were right good them slides weren't they?

D One was when you went down covered up and the other one is where you could see all the sunlight.

Q Oh which was your preferred one? Which one did you like best?

D My dad thought on the second one with it covered up, he thought my float was going to come out first and me coming out behind it but we both came out together.

Q So you don't mind covered up rides and covered up slides? You're happy in there? That's great. You're obviously very daring.

C These are some just professional photos with the special surfboard with the signature.

Q Oh yes. Do you think it helps when you've seen the films that the characters come from?

C Yeah. Yeah it helps. It just helps you with your social skills. So you know who they are so you can communicate with them better.

Q Did you refer to the films when you were speaking to them? Were you talking about the films or did they take the lead? How does that...can you remember the conversations you had?

C We weren't normally talking about the films. Before the photo we all had an individual hug with Big Hero Six.

A I don't think Big Hero Six spoke. Some of them don't speak.

C Yes. Some of them don't speak.

D Minnie and Mickey speak.

C There's one, this animal kingdom, that's why I've tried to use as many animal stickers as I can because there isn't many parks fitting with animals apart from that one. We went on the River Rapids and that time I didn't get wet. Is that when Sonia got squirted in the face? Mummy ducked down and Sonia got squirted in the face.

Q Oh dear. Mummy had quick reactions.

A It was so hot we all wanted to get wet.

Q You must have all been tired out. It sounds like every day there was quite a lot to do, a lot of waiting.

C Yeah I mean I've even put that there. My favourite ride was the River Rapids. I didn't really get wet. Sonia got squirted in the face and...

Q Were there lots of people there did you find? Were there a lot of people going about, was it crowded.

A Packed. We went at the busiest time in the school holidays when all the American children were still off on their holidays as well so it was like a penguin march at times weren't it?

Q2 A bit of shuffling through.

Q So you've got quite a few more days to do yet, because it says on here your journal, who's done you this lovely journal?

C Emma.

A From a company.

C That one's from the company.

A What specialise in like Disney products called 'Box Treat ??' I bought them all one for Christmas and they filled it in.

Q Oh lovely. ??? already presumably so ???

A Yeah and she's used that to help with this one.

Q Yes.

C These were the boarding passes we got. These four were for the way there. These four were for the way back. And then there's that I got from the MacDonald's, a Walmart receipt there as well.

Q Did you do things like look at the money and everything like that, the dollars and the dimes?

C Yeah. Some of the, I think we were just buying food there because there wasn't any Walmart in England.

Q No. That's right, although they are a big company. This is a lovely thing though to look back on, it's brilliant.

C That's where that went, oh my God.

Q OK. So maybe we should make sure we finish our play tour today.

A I think the only other thing they use in here technology wise, well it's mainly games, but they have a dance they have the stereo on. They've got a CD called Party and Cheese Party?

D Cheese Party Three.

A So like Macarena and all that.

D Cheese Party Three.

A Yeah. Have a little boogie to don't you.

D Mummy, it's called Cheese Party Three.

Q Is that what it's called? You're going to get the name right. So tell me about these boogies that you have. Do you do those at a certain time of day? Might you do it at the end of the day or in the morning or...?

A When did you last have a boogie? Probably not for a while because they don't tend to come in here as much in the winter because it's freezing.

Q Is this something you'd do sort of like at the end of the day and have a boogie or something in the holidays maybe?

A When do you think Steph? Normally holidays?

Q Will you play in here all the day long? Or do you just come in here and then pop off to another part of the house for a while?

D I sometimes come in here to do crafts.

Q Yes I can see you are doing those, I should be asking you about those. Is this the main place that you're allowed to do crafts? I think I've seen something on the kitchen table as well is that right?

A Yeah. Probably most of the stuff is in here because they've got a big craft box. That's where all their stuff is for the scrap book.

Q You've got an amazing collection there, wow. So I'm seeing

A Family board games.

Q Lots of board games. They've got loads. Do you like playing board games?

C Yeah.

Q Do you do those at certain time? For example in my family we often do things like that at Christmas and holidays together?

A We might play one on a Sunday don't we after dinner? When Grandad comes round.

Q Would you do that in here or would you bring the board games into...

A In the living room at the minute because it's too cold in here.

Q Yeah.

A Monopoly's their favourite.

C I'm sure we'll come back into here when it's summer again.

A The junior Monopoly though. We have bought the main one but it takes too long doesn't it?

Q Yes, my kids use that's a reason not to go to bed.

Q2 They've got a TV as well, do you ever watch films in here.

A It's not actually working that. There's something wrong with the aerial so it's actually just kind of there, it's my brother's TV that we're storing for him.

Q2 Oh I see.

D It's our uncle's TV.

A Yeah, so it's just there for show isn't it? We tried to make it work but when we had our delightful guinea pigs a few years ago they chewed through the wire.

Q Oh no!

A So it doesn't work ??? portable aerial.

Q So you had the guinea pigs in here did you?

A Yeah.

Q And obviously this leads to the garden. Tell us about what you play in the garden. Perhaps we don't need to go out there but could we hear about playing...

D We play on the swings.

Q Oh you've got swings? I can see a trampoline I think.

Q2 Yeah trampoline and swings.

A It's quite a big garden but it's more like on the side.

Q So is it all lawn out there?

A Yeah that side. We've got two swings, three swings and a seesaw.

D And two more seesaws. We've got the whale one that comes with them.

C A whale one with the swings

Q Oh yeah the ones that you perhaps used when you were younger.

C And then we've got a single swing.

Q Yes. Do you like to play on those Stephanie? Do you still like to do it? I can imagine perhaps when you were younger you would like to do that sort of thing but do you still do that?

C Sometimes.

A They tend to be more of like an obstacle course now. Let's climb across them all and do an obstacle course.

Q Yeah, is that something that you do yeah?

C Normally we're swinging on the bars.

A Monkey bars.

Q Oh monkey bars sort of thing.

C We want monkey bars.

Q Oh I see, OK. Whoops, I've opened up a new topic of conversation, perhaps I should have done there.

A I don't think you can get monkey bars, Steph. I've never seen them in anyone's garden. This is Saskia's new obsession. Grandad bought her this new Sellotape dispenser.

Q Do you know I think they are perfect for crafts. Someone told me years ago they were a brilliant thing to get to craft actually, a teacher friend and he said 'Yeah get one' and we still use it with ??? Do you love it Saskia? I can see you're making good use of it.

A She loves Sellotape.

D I finished.

Q Oh let's have a look. Lovely.

C Mum do you want one?

Q Tell us about what you've made there.

D I made some funny glasses.

A ???

D What?

A Put some of them bracelets on.

Q Oh that's a good idea. So do you ever take things like the iPad and stuff outside or do you use technology outside? Or do you think of technology as something more for indoors?

C Our technology doesn't really work outside.

Q Right, so you can't use that because there's no internet connection, no WiFi or anything? Yeah.

A They use my phone for their music when you were doing your shows and stuff didn't you?

Q Oh yeah you mentioned about those, doing shows in the garden. So you didn't use the DVD, the, I've forgotten what it's called now, but it's what you used to play your stereo, your HiFi System.

A They're like going out of fashion as well now aren't they?

Q They are.

A I got laughed at. We went on a girls' weekend to the Lodge and I was like who's going to bring some CD's? And they were like 'CD's? Really? We'll just use Spotify' and I was like 'OK'. CDs are out of fashion then.

Q How about you Stephanie is there anything that you can use outside in the digital department? Do you use anything?

C Not normally. Normally we're just using mum and dad's phone to put on ?? while we're ??

A Yeah ???

Q Would you like to use anything outside? Have you ever thought about that?

C Not in this weather but maybe when it's more sunny then if there was WiFi outside then it would be nice to be able to play them outside.

Q Have you done any of the augmented reality games like Pokémon Go or anything when you've been outside?

C ???

A You haven't done that like Pokémon Go you have to find stuff.

Q Yeah you can overlay stuff on the actual environment. You do need data I think.

A Yeah.

Q ??? And is there anything else? I think Saskia talked about the kitchen, I know you use the table don't you?

A Do you want to go and show her the Alexa? We got an Alexa on the kitchen table. That's the only thing in the kitchen I think apart from the kettle and toaster.

Q Yes and those other saviours of modern living, yeah.

C Is she plugged in?

A Yeah, she's plugged in.

Q Oh dear, now I told you all those things to say to Alexa that we'd heard from another family and I bet you're going to try those out now aren't you?

C What is it? Alexa, ???

Q If I say, if I open my big mouth, what's your mum going to think about us coming here and making those suggestions?

C What was it?

Q I can't remember exactly, it was something. You'll have to experiment. Sorry, I probably shouldn't have said that should I?

C That fart song that you were talking about. Alexa, play The Fart Song.

Alexa Your Music Marketplace is not configured correctly for this device.

A We haven't got Spotify at the minute, Steph so it wouldn't be able to.

C Oh.

A Ask it a question.

D Tell us a joke, Alexa.

C Alexa, tell a joke about trumping.

Alexa I don't have a joke about that.

C Oh.

D Alexa, tell a joke. Alexa tell a joke.

A Our Alexa's ???

Q She is. This is not how it was in somebody else's house.

Alexa Knock knock, who's there? Doctor, Doctor Who? Exactly. How could you tell?

D That's not funny.

C It said how could you tell.

Q So tell me do you use Alexa very much?

A I think we've forgotten about her for a bit haven't we?

C I got her for my birthday.

Q Do you call her 'she'?

A Yes. Why don't you ask her a fact, ask her to tell us an interesting fact or something.

C Alexa, tell us something about birthdays.

Alexa A birthday is the anniversary of the birth of a person or figuratively of an institution. Birthdays of people are celebrated in numerous cultures, often with birthday gifts, birthday cards, a birthday party or a rite of passage. Many religions celebrate the birth of their founders or religious figures with special holidays.

C Alexa, when is your birthday?

Alexa How nice of you to ask. My birthday is on the 6th of November. This year I will be turning five.

C Haha

Q She's very grown up for a five year old.

D Alexa, play a song.

Alexa ???

Q2 Did you ever ask Alexa anything ??? like about Disney or anything like that.

C I never thought of that.

A No because you only got it for your birthday the week before didn't you?

D Alexa, how many languages can you speak?

A Stephanie bought it with her birthday money.

Q Did you Stephanie? Oh so you wanted...

Alexa To switch your language go to Alexa Devices and ??? choose your device and select 'language'. By the way, I'm not sure we've met, can you introduce yourself to start personalizing your Alexa experience. Would you like to try it?

A Do you want to try it?

D Yes

C Yes.

D No.

A Saskia. Stephanie's doing it.

Alexa ??? just say yes. Is this Matt?

C Yes.

A It's not Matt.

C No.

Alexa Is it Stephanie?

C Yes.

Alexa OK. To personalise Stephanie's ??? voice. You need to ??? otherwise just say 'Cancel'.

C Yes.

D Yes.

C Yes.

D Yes, yes yes.

A Saskia, Stephanie. Just Saskia please, I mean just Stephanie please.

Alexa If you consent, say 'Yes'.

C Yes.

Alexa Thanks. Stephanie, let's go through some common phrases together so I can learn to recognize you. First up, say 'Alexa, what's the temperature outside?'.

C Alexa, what's the temperature outside?

Alexa Great, now try 'Alexa, play music'.

C Alexa, play music.

Alexa Great. Now try 'Alexa turn off the light'.

C Alexa, turn off the light.

Alexa And one more. 'Alexa, add milk to my shopping list'.

C Alexa, add milk to my shopping list.

Alex OK. You're all done. Stephanie, it's great to put a name to the voice. I've saved the information about your voice profile to the Alexa app.

A Have you finished that Steph, after all the ??

Music plays loudly.

C Alexa, Alexa. Stop.

A Why did you want Alexa, Steph?

C I thought it would be good because I've seen different things that you can do, like different Alexas can connect to the lights and just...

D Alexa, play a different song.

A I think at your friend's house they've got it really cleverly set up where it can dim the lights and all sorts. We're not that good on it yet. Got one in every room and it turns the lights down.

C How did Alexa get to asking me my profile?

A I don't know.

C What did I ask her?

A I don't know.

Q How do you find it now that you've got one yourself? Are you more happy with her? Do you use it very much Stephanie?

D Alexa, play a different song.

Q And how did you think of using it? What did you want to do with it? Did you have some ideas?

C I don't really know.

Q No. You just thought it'd be fun to have and then see what she did. Oh that's it Saskia. Do other friends have Alexa's, if that's the right word?

C Yes.

Q Have you ever thought about asking them what they do ???

C Not normally.

Q No. Do you think of it as a toy? Is it like a plaything or a gadget?

C It's not, it's a bit like a real person, just someone to talk to and stuff.

Q Right. Have you talked to her? Do you ever sort of have a conversation with her?

C Yeah, it's like, I do that sometimes with ? I have Google. I had Google what you...

Q Oh yeah.

C And if you're bored you can just ??? and talk to people.

D Alexa, play a song from Lion King.

Q Did you? What sort of things did you talk about if you don't mind me asking? Can you remember now anything you spoke to Google about?

C You can just say 'Can we talk?' and it'll say 'Yes, what do you want to talk about? Would you like to play a game? Would you like to choose an audio book to listen to?' or something.

Q Oh I see so is this something you might do when you're a bit bored and you're sort of...

C Yes.

Q And Google Hub would suggest stuff like a friend saying 'Do you want to do this, do you want to do that?' and then does Google play ??? or is it something you do on your own to keep yourself occupied?

C Yeah there's games that you can do on your own but there's multiplayer games that you can choose to play it with Google or somebody else who is doing the game right now.

Q Oh right. Have you done that with Google?

C Yes.

Q What did you choose? What game was it, do you remember?

C I think it was a trivia.

Q Oh OK. Cool. I mean was that fun?

C Yeah it was quite fun. It was different trivia questions from the 1990's that, it was not the 1990's, I did do that one and stuff, it was 2000 to 2010 and I thought I would know a couple of those songs because I was born in 2010 . And it was a song edition so it would play

different songs that were made in that time for example 'Happy'. I guessed that one because that's the basic word in the song 'Happy'.

Q Detective work. That's good. Yeah. Because in a way she doesn't know, or the voice doesn't know how old you are or they're not supposed to presumably collect that data, I don't even know that so it's, because ??? the answers, it's a very grown up way of talking, I don't know, do you notice stuff like that? Grown up all the time, but then she is a bit playful like a naughty grown up maybe. What do you think? Do you imagine her? Do you think of Alexa as being sort of a person inside there somehow? Yeah. I don't know if I've asked you this question but on a similar theme have we asked you about if you play with the SatNav in the car?

A We haven't got one have we?

Q Do you use Google?

A We just use Google maps on my phone. We did have a SatNav in Florida which caused many many arguments.

C Yeah that's what I was going to say.

Q Oh right.

C Yeah we had a SatNav on holiday.

Q I thought it was supposed to solve those.

A Ours is a bit stupid.

C On holiday our SatNav didn't really work properly but I can remember David like playing with it and when h knew where we were going he typed it into the SatNav and so David typed it in and his dad said 'I owe you ten bucks'. And that reminds me of when we were playing in the pool and ??? coins in and said 'Whoever collects the most coins gets fifteen bucks' and when he said 'bucks' he meant books to read, that's what he said anyway. I thought he meant 'bucks' as in money, but...

Q That's what I thought you were saying, 'bucks' as in 'bucks', sort of slang word for American dollar.

D Stephanie would like fifteen reading books because she's like a little bookworm.

Q I think you both quite like your books.

A Yeah I think you've been in every room now haven't you? There's nothing in the utility room.