

Q = Main interviewer (Cath)

Q2 = Second interviewer (Alex)

A = Mum (Diane)

B = Dad (Julian)

C = Child 1 (Simon, boy, 8)

D = Child 2 (Harvey, boy, 6)

Q OK, so you think we should go in the kitchen first do you Simon?

C Don't go near the gremlin though.

Q OK. Harvey, do you want to come?

D Kitchen.

Q You show us what kind of tech you've got in your kitchen. So this is the kitchen.

D This is Simon's guitar.

Q That's Simon's guitar, OK.

C And then we've got biscuits and food

Q Biscuits!

C We've got a fridge. And then we've got a TV, an oven.

D And this thing.

Q Oh that is fantastic, that's from your visit to Legoland isn't it?

D Yeah.

Q Where you're on the water slide.

D Yeah.

C Right, that's my favourite bit of....wait, is that the screaming one?

Q The screaming one? Have you got more? You have got more.

C Yeah we've got more. Where's the one where mum is screaming?

Q What was your favourite ride at Legoland?

C That's the best one.

- Q That's the best one, was that the pirate one?
- C Look at mummy.
- Q There's your mummy on a magnet.
- C She's screaming.
- Q Are you on any of these magnets?
- D Yeah I am.
- C I'm on two of these.
- D And I'm on two.
- C This is my dad.
- D And this is me. That's Simon.
- Q Oh yeah.
- D And then Simon made this man.
- Q Aha, and that's out of macaroni is it?
- C And we went to Tintern Abbey, and we went to Northumberland, the Monkey Castle.
- Q Oh you've got a lot of fridge magnets haven't you?
- Q2 Is it OK if I take a picture of the fridge magnets? Is that alright?
- A Yeah.
- Q So what we've got in here....
- D My dog in the cage.
- Q Your dog in the cage. Is that poor [pet dog name] is she all locked up. Oh [pet dog name]! She's not happy, I'm so sorry.
- A That's alright.
- Q So we've got...is that a TV?
- A Yeah but it's never worked.
- D Captured dad.
- D Let's go into this room now.

Q OK.

D Loads of ??? and stuff.

C I didn't know we still had that old radio there.

D My radio.

Q Is that a radio up there?

A Behind it.

Q Ah right OK. Oh yes that's a....is that a sort of plug in or a battery powered? Is it a battery powered radio?

C No that's a plug in.

D Let's go into this room now.

A Both. It's a very old Roberts ones but we left it in our flat when we rented it out and it got really damaged.

Q Oh dear.

A Because they're quite expensive those aren't they? But never mind. It's just there as a spare now.

Q So is the TV a Smart TV or is it just a regular?

A What's Smart? If it's got....

Q If it's like linked to the internet or you can go online or gaming.

A Oh I don't think you can with that one.

Q No?

A No, it was like a £100 jobby in Tesco about 10 years ago, so no I don't think it is.

Song plays

Q Simon, I'm coming in. Aha, is that your....

C It's Alexa. But we call it Computer.

Q You call it Computer?

C Yeah but it's Alexa.

Q You call it Computer but it's Alexa?

C You don't need it that loud. I had to sing a ??? and this is what I wanted to show you. This is it. So in here are ???

Q The radio as well.

Q2 Which characters are they?

Q What have you just ???

Alexa Plastic big bird ??? Spotify.

C No wrong one. Play Baby Got Back.

Alexa Play Baby Got Back?

C Play Baby Got Back.

Alexa Baby Got Back by Sir Mix-a-lot, Spotify.

C Yes, this is the best one ever.

D It's on the front cover. This is the rest of them.

Q Wow.

C They're called Supercars.

Q2 Supercars?

C I'm not sure.

Q Where did you hear this song?

C My cousin's.

Q Your cousin's?

C One of them is 11, one's 9, and one's 7, that's their age.

Q Are you dancing?

D Big bots ??? wow.

A Boys! Simon turn this one off please. You know you're not supposed to put it on.

D This is ??? Simon's got, and this is Series 3 on ???

A I think it was their cousins that showed them that song ???

C No they learnt it in choir at school.

D And there's another Superzing.

C Oi, they're mine.

D And then this is another super car. And me and my brother have the same of this one. And then we've got this one too. But we're both collecting them. I ??? that one.

Q2 Where do you play with your super cars, where do you play with them?

C We play with them normally in the front room or here. And then these are called superzings, and what you do is flip them and they go like that.

Q2 I see. And do you play with them here on the dining table, is that where you play with them?

C Yeah. So we play either on the dining table or ???

Plays It's Raining Tacos.

C And then this is series 4. And then ??? he's actually the best mutant.

Q2 Is he?

C Yeah, and he's there. And then we have erm.....Axe one, and he's there. And then we have a drill guy who came in a pack. And then final is this guy, he is on the front and he looks scary, and he's a golden one.

Q2 A golden one?

C Yeah.

Q2 What makes the handle? on this one?

C The best flicker will get some ??? probably Lucky? Ace? Because ??? back story of all the superzings.

D Yeah, but the one that we really need, his name....

C Is Kidkazoom.

D Yeah, the ultra rare is Kidkazoom.

Q Ah. So when you get the tin do you not know what's going to be in it?

C No. It's like you get packets and tins. So these cost more money and tins ???

D So KidKazoom is that. And then you can....and then you can have a trophy guy who's gold and a middle guy.

C The ultra one.

D Yeah, who is that one.

C And you get arch enemies.

A It's there.

Q Ah, follow us on YouTube. Oh fantastic.

C So you can get arch enemies. So like I've got him but I don't have him, and he can come green, he can come purple. I've got him but I don't....I have him, so I've got two arch enemies. And then if you look on the back you can see that you can get other ultra reds, like him, him and him.

C And then you can get....my brother has him and him, I'm not sure if I do.

Q And do you swap them? If you sometimes get two of the same one, and would you swap them with people?

D Yeah.

C Yeah, I give them to my brother.

D Yeah, and then I have his.

C If you've seen how many I've got compared to Harvey. So I have to normally give my doubles to Harvey. So how many I've got compared to him. Something's wrong.

D But then, if you get arch enemies you can have battles with them. Like these two.

C Let's see, let's see.

D But this traffic cone can....

C Oh yes.

D So these two are the same but they're just one. And then this guy, who's blue but he can turn green, and these guys are arch enemies.

C No they're not arch enemies. In series 4 they're in teams.

D Let me try this.

C In series 4 they're in teams Harvey.

D Ah. Who is in the arch enemies then?

C Arch enemies is series 3. I don't....oh yeah I do have a series 3 arch enemy. So in series 3 they have arch enemies, these two are arch enemies. And the comics and the cartoons and the collectors...

D Yeah, and there's Chop Shot.

C Go Cookie were arch enemies.

D Yeah.

C And we've got one more.

Q Ah, so he's called Tuck Shop is he?

C Chop Shot.

Q Chop Shot, ah right. And then this...

C And this is Wave Rider.

D Simon's got a golden guy.

C This is Wave Rider.

Q Are golden guys really rare?

C Yeah.

D The rare ones are gold ones.

C They're rare, and then these are kind of rare because they're silver.

D And then this guy here, he can put...Simon can put him in this car because he is on the front cover.

C Well it doesn't matter who you put in the car though. I could put him in.

D So if you either have him, you can put him on the front ??? like that. You can give it a blue one. Me and Simon have these two of the same, and what I do is, I put the guy who I have in and he is in the car. But if I don't have someone I change him for a guy who is rare, if I have a rare one or if I have a really good one. But I like this rare one.

Q What do you like about the rare one?

D That they are powerful and they can move anywhere round the circuit. But this is not a Superzing because these are rubber, this is plastic. This is called....

Q Ah, so he's sneaked in.

Time 10:00

D No, this is not from the tin. This is called a star monster, you can collect these because they're only £10 and that's quite cheap.

Q Aha. Where do you collect them from?

D You can either collect them from Sainsbury's, Morrison's, Tesco's and any sorts of other places.

Q So is this like....when you say 'a circuit', do they race each other in the cars?

D No.

C No. No, basically they're defence systems and attack systems. We have a battle going on in Spartan.

D Yeah, so if we like had a team.

C These are the Athen....no, the Athenians are the heroes and the Spartans are the villains.

Q Did these names come from the game, or are these names you are using?

C They come from this.

Q Oh right, so you've got Athenians, Spartans....are these like sort of traditional....

C Yeah. I just use the Greeks.

Q You're using the Greeks, OK cool.

C And basically this can be a defence system when villain 1 comes and attacks you, or it can be an attack system against the villain ones. And also you can hold a superzing in there. And basically what happens is if you knock the cart off – or sometimes it's a moving wall – you can choose to keep the superzing or keep the car.

Q What do you like best about this game?

C Like I'm the best at it.

D No you're not, I can defeat Sir Prize with Sir Prize. Because I actually got the first rare one, Lucky Ace. Golden and....

C No he's a gold one, he's the rarest.

D I know but silver's are still rare, like a Lucky Ace. So I got actually the first rare one. And then suddenly Simon got this hack guy who is more rarer. And then both of us got another gold one.

- Q What happens in the cartoons?
- D They battle.
- C The villains and the heroes battle, and sometimes the villains bust out of ???
- D It's just like Avengers.
- Q Oh OK. So it's like good fighting evil and stuff like that?
- D Yeah.
- C Yeah, yeah.
- Q And is this somewhere you would normally play this?
- D Yeah.
- C Yeah.
- Q So you use this table in here. Why is that?
- D Because there's more space and you can...
- C And we eat breakfast in here so we play while we're eating breakfast.
- Q Oh do you play while you're eating breakfast?
- C And we also test them out to see if they're good or bad so we can get better and better and keep going on and on, so we can actually be a superzing champion.
- Q And do your friends play with these at school, or at home or....
- D No.
- C My friends play with them.
- A Simon's friends do.
- D Only me and another girl have them in my class. [Girls name]. Simon where is this guy on this? Oh I've found him.
- Q OK. Is there any other tech type things in this room, any other toys that you've got in this room?
- C Got quite a lot actually.
- Q Quite a lot?
- C My mum's computer.

Q OK.

C Four DS's, but I just grab the first three found. Sellotape.

A Simon, there's other colouring stuff isn't there?

C Yeah but that's not tech is it?

A Well no, it's toys.

C But it's analogue.

Q We're still asking about arts and crafts, so that would be brilliant, arts and crafts. So if you've got any drawing stuff that would be really good.

C Yeah we do.

Q Aha.

C I'm not getting them out because all the homework and things will fall off it. Get all the paper out.

D So you can see what I'm doing, I'm putting them in pairs. But if I don't have someone who is not in a pair I can put them paired up.

C Colouring pens.

Q So you've got all the colouring pens.

A Those are....yeah, don't get that one Simon it's got all that stuff on it.

C That's what I said.

D This guy is going, and then.....

C So is it arts, craft and technology.

D So it's just like this, so you have an arena of all your people, against Simon. So if I like had an arena....

A You don't need to get any more out, they know what pens and paper look like.

C No stop!

D If I had an arena against Simon with all my Superzings, I won't ??? I'd choose.....

Time 15:00

Q OK so are we ready to move on. Shall we go into the lounge? OK so we're in the living room now and I can see that you've got a TV and you've got....I need to make a note here. So what else have you got around this area?

C This area. We've got a TV, a TV. A TalkTalk box thing. A You View TalkTalk box thing. And a Phillips DVD player. Mind my dog's chewy toy.

Q2 Is this all the DVDs that you've got?

C No. There are two massive ??? up from this to over here full of DVDs, and then...two of them...and then there's this over here with all the 12's Avengers, Star Wars things and Jurassic Park.

Q So you've got your DVDs down there.

D We haven't watched all of the Jurassic Park.

C I have with daddy. I've also watched all of the Lord of the Rings films.

D I haven't. I haven't watched the last Jurassic Park and any of the Lord of the Rings.

Q Let's have a look. So you've got there. Is that something you play with all around the house?

D Erm...

C No you can take it anywhere with you.

D Yeah.

Q So it's like travelling around the house with your....so it's a V-Tech Star Wars.

Q2 Is there any place where you keep your ??? or is it just random?

D I think they're over there.

C You can get some of my favourite out. I think we should do that actually.

Q2 OK, sure.

C Because then we can't ???

Q2 Sure.

D The levels go harder up on this level. So they will either put three more things that you need to do, or two, because if you need to quickly do it like I am that means you won't be able to get hit by him. And there's going to be some more harder levels because this is just the first hard level. So you need to do it quicker and faster before you get to level 20.

Q And are you a character in the game?

D Yeah I am a character in the game.

Q And which character are you?

D I am that little dot who is a person, and I'm trying to get past storm troopers into the last level, that's number 20. So I'm just done 1,2,3,4,5,6 and now I'm on to number 7.

Q Aha. And so did you get this for your birthday?

D Oh! Oh no. You see that one's hard.

Q Has it got different games on it or is it just that game? Or has it got different Star Wars games on it?

D What??

Q What do you like about the game?

D I'm trying to.....

Q What do you like about the game?

D It's fun. Wait, I think I know what to do now. So you press forwards, tum-de-de-de....oh right. So it's quite hard at every level that you go up. So I'm her and I'm trying to get past storm troopers.

Q OK, and is that Rae?

D What? No that's Princess Leia.

Q Oh it's Princess Leia?

D Yeah. And I'm trying to get past these little convenient Star Wars figures what's really annoying. So just....

Q So what's your favourite? Is this one of your favourite games at the moment?

D Yeam...shaboom....no. So it just goes harder. Do you think you'll be able to find that pattern out?

Q No, definitely not.

D Er...vista.

Q But I don't play a lot of games so....

D Simon. Come over here. Right, so you see this level, do you think you'll be able to work it out?

C Yes.

D Because if you touch these storm troopers they would kill you. So that goes up there, it's there for like....it's just this part. No, I don't....

Q So this is another game. Is that BB8?

D Yeah that's BB8 and what you have to do on this....so there are going to be speed boost and I've just completed this....I've completed level 1. See all this, you have to jump over it with this button without getting hit, because if you do that means you lose a life. And if you get hurt three times you lose.

Time 20:00

Q Have you seen any of the Star Wars films?

D Yeah I have.

Q Which ones?

D I've seen the one where one of the light side turn to the dark side. And I've seen the one where they let all those animals out.

Q And have you seen any of the Lego Star Wars movies?

D Yeah I've seen a few of those too.

Q And what do you think of them?

D They're....I think they show more progress on the Lego. Because they do actually more things because they show about breaking Lego.

Q Oh yeah.

D And it just helps.

Q So when you say 'it just helps' do you mean like it helps you come up with ideas for building things?

D Yeah, like space ships. Because I've got some set of Lego that I need to do, and it's a space ship from Lego Star Wars Lego. So I need to build this Lego model from.....from packets, there are three packets. And if you get this free? beast on this it won't really help at all because then you'll go faster and you might get hurt.

Q Aha. So where would you....

D So what I just did then. I hit....I thought....I didn't want the speed boost. So if you get blocked by three things, or two, or one, you have to jump over them or have a new side.

Q It looks quite exciting.

D I know.

Q Where do you play this game then?

D On this camera. I just started it today.

Q So this is a camera as well?

D Yeah it's a camera too so you can play games, you can do voices, and you can take pictures.

Q So was this a birthday present?

D No it wasn't, but Simon did get it from a shop.

Q So is it Simon's?

D Yeah, but he does let me have it.

Q Oh that's nice, so you can share it?

D Yeah we share. So you see now, we have to jump. It's going a bit faster.

Q Oh, so it gets harder each time.

D Yeah because you go faster with your bot.

Q How fast does it go in the end?

D It goes quite fast when you get the finish line. What's that dot over there on the top screen....and I'm glad I jumped over that speed boost because I never want a speed boost, never.

Q Never.

D Never.

Q OK so this is Harvey's room. Are you filming this Harvey?

D No.

Q OK, do you want to take some pictures of your favourite things what you have in here?

C Your bed, but that's probably ???

Q So what have you just taken a picture of?

D I've taken a picture of my big lion there and all those teddies.

- Q Aha.
- C Oh this smells lovely and nice.
- Q2 What have you got there Simon?
- D My aftershave.
- Q2 Your aftershave?
- C Oh I've got some, just borrowing a bit of my brother's.
- D Oi!
- C We got it from Majorca.
- D Just put it back there.
- C Because we went for a wedding – no? did we? Did we go....oh yeah, it was for a wedding or something, and I've still got mine.
- Q2 What are you talking a picture of there?
- D Beast Quest book.
- Q2 Beast Quest book, I see.
- D Yeah, I'm reading them.
- C Take a picture of this.
- D No, I don't have to. Fire wheel.
- C My dad went to a rugby match with my grandad live at the stadium, I....
- D Right Simon can you....stop it, stop it. I haven't taken a picture yet.
- Q What were you just taking a picture of there? Is that your....
- D All of that Lego.
- Q All of that Lego. What is it? Is it dinosaur Lego?
- D No it's Star Wars, Dinosaur, Jurassic Park and stuff.
- Q You've got a lot of monsters in there, are they dinosaurs?
- D No they're animals and dinosaurs.

Q Animals and dinosaurs.

D I just took two because I'm not really that good. That's the Octonauts. There's another crocodile in here, its baby. All of these books are the ones that I need to read first. They go in series. But not this one.

Time 25:00

Q So they're all the Beast Quest series are they?

D Yeah, I'm not going to take a picture of that yet because I just need to do another one. Don't take a picture.

Q OK. Are you setting up all your Beast Quest books?

C He doesn't realise that he's ??? his books. Take a picture of Pokemon.

D ??? already took pictures of it.

C This is the other one. Have you?

D Did he take a picture of it.

Q2 He didn't. He took a picture of something else.

Q Pokemon.

D Oh yeah that.

Q And you've got some superheroes on your wall as well haven't you. Do you like superheroes?

D Yeah.

Q Are these your favourite superheroes or....you've got the Spiderman, you've got the Hulk, you've got Captain America.

C Spiderman is probably his favourite isn't it?

Q Is Spiderman your favourite Harvey.

D Oh yeah there's 6 in each one, and at the moment I've only got 5.

Q Oh is this the Beast Quest books?

D Yeah these are the Beast Quest books.

Q Aha.

D These are the ones that I'm reading right now but I haven't read all of them. So let's just move it, move it to one side. And then Simon, open that bag and bring that model out, both of it, both of them, and put them next to each other.

Q Ah, is this stuff that you've made?

D Yeah.

C Oh I know what it is.

Q Cool.

D And then put that next to it.

C ??? don't care. Is it that way?

D Yeah, just put it that way and then move out the Beast Quest books.

C I know what it's supposed to be. ???

D That way.

C You're going to take a picture of this Poke coin.

D Yeah, and I'll take one ???

Q2 Where does the Poke coin come from?

D I took a picture of ??? he's doing it.

C The Pokemon packets.

D OK, there we go.

Q Do you collect Pokemon cards?

C Yeah I've got more than him.

Q Where are your Pokemon cards, can we have a look?

C They're in tins.

Q In this tin? Can I look at this tin?

C Yes. So if you find some tins they'll be in there.

Q OK.

C There's another one, take that.

- Q Do you watch Pokemon?
- C Yeah I do, sometimes.
- Q That's a lot of trading cards, what do you do with your trading cards?
- C Play battles.
- Q You play battles. How do you do that?
- C There's a map that we can play with.
- Q You've got a map?
- C Yeah.
- Q How does that work then?
- C A mat, mat.
- Q A mat, oh I'm so sorry, that's me and my bad hearing.
- C Oh I know what these are, battle gun.
- Q Do you swap cards with your friends at all, do your friends collect cards?
- D No because friends just give him them.
- Q Oh that's a good arrangement.
- D Without knowing.
- Q Without knowing? How do they give you them without knowing Harvey?
- C No, they just say 'Harvey, take this really good Pokemon for free'.
- Q Have you got lots of really good Pokemon cards then?
- C Yeah and he always bribes people into it. They're the shiney's, they're the good ones.
- Q The shiney's are the good ones?
- C Yes. So open that tin up and you'll find the shiney's.
- Q Is this the tin of shiney's?
- C Yeah.
- Q Let's have a look.

C He stole one.

D No I didn't.

Q Wow, I think Alex [researcher] is quite impressed with these as well. So these are the really rare ones are they?

C Yeah there's one more in the tin. Oh Harvey has a version of it.

Q Ah, don't want to start a Pokemon battle right now.

C Right then, that was mine until he stole it. Oh he's probably not taken it back. That's him. Yeah that was mine, ho-ho.

D I know but....it doesn't matter.

C You take a picture of this.

D I have, I have, I HAVE.

C Well you need to take another one.

D Right, what I'm going to do now is, I'm going to have to take a....

C Pichy, Pichooo.

D Stop it, stop it, I've already took a picture of that.

Q That's from Cars the movie.

C Yeah, as you know. Now if this doesn't....

Q Ah, what's that from Simon?

C Hot Wheels.

Q Hot Wheels, OK.

D Right now I'm going to take....

C And that's from Cars and Planes. Oh yeah that's Avengers.

Q So you've got Avengers vehicles as well?

C Yeah. Oh that's 101 Dalmatian.

D Yeah.

C Oh that's the man who is the sheriff at Cars.

Q Harvey, what do you do with these cars?

D I play with them, have battles with them and.....

C Harvey.....Star Wars, Princess Leia.

D Yeah it's Star Wars there, doesn't matter.

C Harvey.....crocodile.

Q How would you play with them?

Time 30:00

C Harvey.....you're not supposed to do this.

D I would just do battles.

Q Where do you battle with them?

D I battle with these and....oh wait I forgot to take a picture of the superheroes.

Q So you've got a big box of superheroes?

D Yeah they're big figures. I want to take a picture.....

Q Are they Marvel or DC, or both?

D They're....

C Mostly Marvel.

D And Black Panther is the one I really like.

Q Black Panther is the one you really like? Have you got a Black Panther?

D Yeah. And then this man is called Thanos.

C Thanos.

Q Oh Thanos, he's inevitable.

D Yeah.

C He got killed in End Game.

Q Oh yeah?

D If you want to watch it you can with us.

C Oh I'm inevitable.

D No I am.

Q Can you do the click, I can't click my fingers you see, I can't do the Thanos snap.

C (clicks fingers)

Q Oh fantastic.

C Right hand, I need to try. I wore a costume and did that once.

Q Oh did you, you dressed up as Thanos?

C Yes.

Q What did you dress up as Thanos for?

C A birthday party. So there was a villains team, a heroes team, come dressed up as a villain or hero. I had to be a villain and a hero, everybody was. So the way I did it, wear one costume underneath and another one on the top.

Q That sounds complex.

C So I wore a Thanos costume and a Frodo costume.

Q A Thanos costume and a Frodo costume? Were you a bit warm with all those costumes.

C And my hobbit feet.

Q Have you got hobbit feet?

D Got these.

Q No!

C Got my fake ones.

Q Your fake hobbit feet.

C Which I don't have any more.

Q Oh don't you have them any more. I was going to ask to see your hobbit feet, they sounded really good. Did you paint your face as Thanos then, did you.....

C I painted it purple. But then I had to take it off and put it back on.

D Simon, Simon get up Simon, get up.

Q OK, we're going into Simon's room now.

C We haven't shown you these before. Beyblades. They're so cool.

Q Ah, Beyblades.

C Yeah. Do you know what they are?

Q I don't, no. Beth [researcher] mentioned them last week, she said that last visit you got the Beyblades out, is that right?

C Yes I did. Sorry I'm taking so many pictures of my guitar. ??? going to stand here doing this stuff.

D No that's what they do, then can....so this is Simon's little battlefield, but you can get massive ones.

C What's Pano?

Q2 Do you like your guitar?

C Mmm.

D He plays guitar lessons.

Q2 Have you been playing long?

C Quite a while. And then can get into the battle of the bands. Oh that's cool.

Q So what's probably your favourite things in here then Simon? You've got a lot of Star Wars stuff I can see straightaway. Is Star Wars something you really like?

C Yeah.

D I actually quite like it but I don't like it as much as him.

Q Ah right OK. So Simon is the Star Wars fan.

D So we are quite similar to each other what we like and what we don't like. Because my brother actually used to have some cars, and then suddenly he drove them into my room.

C And then he stole them.

D Literally I just stole them. So I'm ??? Simon.

C I'm just taking a slow motion video of all my things.

D Take a slow motion video of this.

Q Careful Simon because there's not too much storage on my iPad so I might not be able to record much video.

C Oh. I'm taking it quickly then. Hello! Hello!

D Hello!

C Where's my guitar.

D Hello!

Q Over there, you like playing on the rug. And what do you play with, I notice you've got quite a lot of Star Wars type stuff. Lego Star Wars.

C I get things out, play with them for a second and then chuck them all over the floor.

Q OK.

C And then get something else out, which is why my room is a big tip. I'll have to tidy up, but I earn superzings doing it and time on the N64, so....

Q Can I ask you, both of you, where do you enjoy playing most in your house? Where is the most fun place to play?

D In my room actually because we also have the game Uno.

Q Uno? How do you play Uno?

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D So it's where you pick a card, and then if you have the one that says Uno that means you can change colour. If you say pick....and if you pick up 4 you're allowed to change the colour. And wait, what Simon's doing now is that, he is doing his password on the computer and he's going to show us some of his things, like games and stuff, aren't you Simon? And he's made up a few games.

C ...so on a gem, and if you hit the gem you're on to the next level. You have to figure out patterns to get to the gem.

Q So is this a game that's been invented?

C No it's on like Internet Explorer and Google and things.

D Yeah.

Q OK.

D So Simon's going to show us how to do it. He has shown me and I've had a turn, and then we might show you a game called Sliver Dot....

C No because that's not on Scratch.

D No but we can still get it.

Q So is this on Scratch?

C Yes this game is, on a phone as well ???

D Oh don't play this, I want to play ???

Q So is this games that people who use Scratch create, or is this part of Scratch's programme?

C No, these are all the things on Scratch.

A Simon, how do you know how to do that?

C I did it with the Play Station when [female name] looked after us and then....

D So you see....no, down, down, down, down.....Simon.

A We've got a lot of DVDs to tidy up Simon.

D I see the game. Simon up, up.

A ???

Q I think so.

C No I'm going to go down in order.

Q I noticed that they've both got CD players in their rooms.

A To listen to stories.

Q But they don't have an iPod or anything, no MP3 player.

A We've got, our radio's got a station, a docking station in it, for the old iPods, but we generally use it.

Q Oh OK. So do you have anything like that in your room?

A Yeah that's in our room, yeah.

Q OK, so that's a docking station.

A Well I've got an old iPod, and there's a couple of tablets in our room. We've both got Kindles, Julian and I, but we literally use them for reading. I read magazines and books from mine, and he just reads books. We're a bit boring. I mean I can Google stuff on it but I don't really use it for that. And actually my computer's, I don't really use it.

C Yeah I heard that.

Q Do you have anything in the....I know it sounds strange but it could be anywhere in the house, but in the bathroom or anything like that, do you have a radio or anything like....

A No, no nothing in any of the bathrooms.

Q Do you have any....let's see, I think we've covered most of it. But what we haven't looked at is outside, so whether you've got any kind of trampoline, anything like that in the garden, or any sort of outside....what sort of outdoor toys?

A So they've got bikes. In the summer we might...because that needs landscaping, our garden, it's quite hard, so generally we take games over the road. And they like ball games, they've got nerf guns and they've got laser nerfs.

Q Oh yeah.

A Which are down here actually.

C And we also like football and rugby.

A We play a lot of boules don't we, we like boules, cricket, French cricket. In the garden when friends come round if it's nice we open up the gates and they play nerfs round the house on the outside. Yeah it's not great our garden, so no they haven't got trampolines and things. But I don't really feel like they've missed out actually. I don't think they'd be that bothered anyway. So no there's nothing out there at the moment.

Q So where does the sports equipment live, does that sort of....

A In the garage. Oh archery, we've got one of those rubber archery sets, so that goes up at the top and we stand at the bottom. So that's quite good for archery because it's on a slope. But yeah we get the archery out as well - you know with the suction at the end?

Q Yeah.

A And then we have got swing ball, but actually we've taken some stuff to my mum and dad's because they've got...it's flat, their garden, so swing ball and ??? has gone there.

Q But do they do sort of more indoor play in the winter time and things like that?

A Yeah, but as you saw from those videos, that was like one of the hottest days and they were inside playing.

Q With the Octonauts and the castle?

A Have you seen the video?

Q Yes.

A It was all around that castle wasn't it I think?

Q Oh yes.

A About 200 videos they did or something.

Q Yeah with the GoPro? Yeah it was hot wasn't it because....yeah, yeah.

A I think they were too hot.

Q Yes.

A And actually if we're out, as I say because the garden's not been landscaped, if we're out we've either got friends around so they're just messing about, which is fine. And they're quite....or they're helping us sweep leaves and things. We tend to go out somewhere to play.

Q Yeah. But I noticed they seem to like playing on the dining room table quite a lot.

A Yeah. And they do homework in there, we do homework there. Homework and everything at the dining room table. Can you hear [pet dog name], she sounds like a little gremlin doesn't she?

Q Oh, poor puppy.

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A ???

Q No it's OK, but if we look at this. So this is the video you sent to What's App of Harvey playing with the Octonauts.

A Yeah. He gets different....did you see in his bedroom he's got those boxes of toys?

Q Yeah.

A And he gets different toys out every day.

Q Yeah.

A So he'd obviously...I think he must have been watching Octonauts the night before – maybe not, he still likes toys though. But he did know I was watching him.

Q So sometimes if he's watched a programme do you find he then goes and gets the toys out?

A Yeah, but because they don't have telly in the morning he does generally....Simon will be lounging in bed, but Harvey will get up and get dressed and play, and if he doesn't have time to play with some toys he gets quite cross.

Q Oh right, so he likes to play with toys every morning.

A Yeah, yeah. Or he'll line his cars up, or he'll make a battle with his animals, different animals. And then Simon will usually get involved. Harvey will have thought of a game and set it up, and then Simon will get involved with it.

Q So when was this film, was this morning or evening?

A Yeah this is probably about 6 in the morning.

Q 6 in the morning?

A Or 6.30 or something.

Q Yeah. So he's got an app and he's playing with the.....

A Yeah. Sometimes he'll come on the dog walk with me at 6. If he's not too tired he'll ask me to wait for him.

Q Yeah. So how do you think he was feeling when he was playing that, what kind of....

A Well he was happy, because then he was cross because we had to go.

Q So what does he do, is it quite sort of creative playing?

A Yeah, yeah you can hear it. I mean on that he does talk about it a bit doesn't he. I can't remember what he was saying on it, but he does....I can't remember.

Q Is he describing what's happening, because he's talking while....

A Yeah, yeah. He's talking to the animals. But yeah I'll often hear him in his bedroom talking to his toys. He'll set his teddies up or something. Whereas it's interesting isn't it, Simon's never been like that.

Q Oh really? Sort of different personalities.

A Yeah.

Q So what's Simon's play been like sort of over time?

A Reading books.

Q From younger to now?

A Yeah. I mean they were both very good at playing actually when they were little. They were like when they were in a cot they were children that would wake up and play with their toys in their cot, they wouldn't shout you for a drink or anything, they would just play. But I think as Simon's got older he really enjoys reading. So he reads a lot, he'll listen to his CDs as well. He's listening to Percy Jackson at the moment.

Q Oh right, yes I know.

A And Simon is very into facts and things so he likes reading those Guinness Book of Records. He got a magic set actually for Christmas last year which he had a go at, but he couldn't do it so... But he'll do more things that are fiddly, that you have to follow instructions. Like he has made some robots, and there's a paper rocket that we made, a cardboard rocket that he made. It's quite hard actually, I had to help him.

Q Do you think creativity is quite important when it comes to play and learning?

A Yeah definitely, because they've both got really good imagination – but just different.

Q In what way?

A Well I think, you know when they're writing stuff at school and things, just the stuff that comes out. But the stories, I don't know, is that just children in general?

Q Do you think they get their inspiration from different places, or...?

A Yeah, yeah definitely, friends, TV, school, books. And I think Simon definitely books. When he writes stories at school it's definitely you can see it's stuff that he's written and thought about. And actually he read – Harvey hasn't because his reading's not as good as Simon's at all, but Simon's has always been really good, so he read all the Harry Potter books before we watched the films. Because we were telling him how important it is so you think what your characters are like.

Q Yeah.

A And they are quite good at playing together, obviously they have their moments but...and depending what they playing, it depends who is dominating it. So if it's imagination Harvey probably dominates. If it's to do with computers, now Harvey's better but when they first started on the DS's Simon probably dominated it.

Q Can I ask about the visit to the museum, how did that go, the birthday party, what was that like?

A Oh! So I basically contained them for literally 20 minutes to have some pizza, we bought some pizzas in and gave them some cake and then they were off, two and a half hours. I just kept peering in to just check they were all there and getting on, but they were so happy, all of them. And actually when it was time to go they left. But yeah all the boys enjoyed it. Harvey played with obviously Simon's friends, but there were a couple of Harvey's friends there. But yeah, no, I think they'd have all stayed all day.

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Q And were there any games there that you recognised?

A I had a go on Donkey Kong. I was rubbish.

C Donkey Kong, I'm actually very good at it now because I'm just one line away from him because I got to the second first line.

A Did you?

C I just needed to jump over some more ???

A There was a shooting one, a duck one, that I recognised.

Q Oh Duck Hunt, yeah.

A Yeah, I recognised that. I mean I had a go...I liked the snowball game.

Q Oh yes.

A Where about 6 people can play. We liked that actually, all of us liked that.

Q That's a really good game.

A It's really basic graphics isn't it?

Q You can drop in and drop out can't you. I loved that. I thought that was really good.

A And I had a go on the dance one, I was rubbish at that.

Q I was rubbish at that, but I have no rhythm.

A I haven't. And I had a go on the guitar one which I was rubbish at as well. But to be honest that's probably all I had a go on.

C And mummy isn't a big fan of video games.

D She is actually, I'm not kidding. She played a video game....

A Oh I play like a wooden Tetris thing don't I that you two....that's what they play with.

C You're a very good fan of games, video games.

Q Do you ever play video games with your mum Harvey?

A Hen....Hen....

Q What kind of games do you like to play with your mum and dad?

D Do you mean board games?

Q Well video games, or any kind of games?

D Well actually, when it was my brother's party me and my dad played a game where we had to shoot things. And then I don't really see my mum playing games. But I do love you.

A I love you too.

Q So what kind of games do you all play together then, not just video games?

A What board games?

D Oh we also play....

A We liked that Strictly game didn't we that daddy gave me for Mother's Day?

Q Oh what's that? Is it Strictly Come Dancing?

A Yeah. And he had to go round the board and dance, and we had to guess what dances you were doing. It tells you how to do it on the card. The three of us played. We were all rubbish but it was funny, you have to do different things. And it's about obviously people who have been in it, so none of us were very good.

Q Yeah. So do you have to actually do the dance, or is it just that it was like a dance?

A Well it was things like Saturday Night Fever and things, so you know. So I think there was Paso and things like that, but none of us were very good. It's hard playing it with just those two.

Q Does it come with music with it or anything like that?

A It's got a little glitter ball with the music that you press.

Q Oh wow.

A And then we've had a Harry Potter game recently – we like that. And we've got Harry Potter Trivial Pursuits that we often just play, just ask questions. But again, because Harvey's reading isn't great he's having a bit of problems reading. He's very bright, really good at maths, but the reading is the downfall at the moment. But he doesn't think that so we're just not discussing it. So obviously things like that. But we like Pictionary. What games have we got over there? They like playing Risk and Monopoly, they play Risk with Julian a lot. I won't. There's certain games I just say 'I'm not playing with you, that's for daddy to play'. Animal Bingo, you got Animal Bingo for your birthday, we like that one don't we Hen?

D YES.

A And Harvey likes jigsaws actually.

D Yeah, I do a jigsaw.

A But he still gets out....can you see that little Thomas, the battery's run out, it's got little trains on it that go round, he still likes that. And there's Batman.

Q Ah the Batman's lair. I noticed the Batman, so is that the cave, the Batcave?

A Did you see all our Lego in there in that massive thing?

Q Yeah the massive kind of Lego. And also....is that a Scalextric as well?

A Yeah, Harvey got that for his birthday but I think it.....it's not a proper Scalextric.

Q Where does that get set up?

A It was on the carpet down here. The toys are supposed to stay at this end but obviously they just....if you're sitting at this end everything inevitably....and if kids come round this room is just....I think adults end up sitting in the dining room and this is just filled with toys.

Q Yes.

A But I'm quite happy that they play. I'd rather, to be honest, they were playing down here than in their bedroom when there's kids around.

Q Why is that?

A I just think it's good to get into that habit. Say like when they're older and they're doing their homework and you can kind of....oh we have got actually, Simon's got his own Microsoft account so I can see what he...it sends me an email of what he goes on. So we have actually got....and we have got PINs on Netflix and things like that so they can't watch over 12 without asking us. I don't think they can watch over a PG without asking us. So they're the only things that we've got. But obviously on the TV they can just get on the internet. But they're actually quite good, they know they're not allowed, apart from 7 o'clock on Saturday morning they're allowed to come down and watch telly, and they will quite often sit and watch Stampy doing Minecraft, or obviously now they've found out about those plastic things....

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Q Oh right, yeah.

A What are they called?

Q Where did that come from, was that family or friends or school friends?

A School friends. So that's now what they want. So if they have a good week at school that's a little treat to get one.

Q Oh OK, so it's like an incentive?

A They're about 80p!

Q2 I'm not sure.

D Say no Simon.

Q2 I have a feeling it might be.

A What are you doing?

C He's on his profile. Oh I rented this thing, is it all on ???

A So yeah, but basically they would do tech all the time. But as I say we like watching films together at the weekend, or the telly, we'll watch...I mean I do record things like I'm A Celebrity and let them watch that – because it's got a bit of swearing but actually it's just funny, the trials.