

SIG3: Parent/Caregivers Understanding of Learning in Children's Museums: Follow-up Interview

Q1 - On a scale from 1-7, how valuable is it to you that you observed something about how your child(ren) learn(s) while at the children's museum?

Rating	Count of participants
5	2
6	8
7	10
Average rating: 6.4	

Q2 - Why is it valuable to you?

(36 responses from 20 respondents)

Code	Category
2	I can replicate the learning experiences I observe
1	General - Seeing learning is amazing/ priceless
3	Helpful to see children with new environment/materials/experiences
4	Opportunity to watch/observe
6	See how they learn with others (observe interactions/ compare to others)
7	See them learning while having fun
8	Other
5	Opportunity to take a role in their learning (teach, direct)

Q3a - Were you aware at the time that you were seeing something about how your child(ren) learn(s)?

Code	Category
1	Yes, I knew at the time
2	No, the question made me aware
3	I'm not sure

Q3b - Why? Why do you think you noticed? (applied to those who answered "yes" or "I'm not sure")

(16 responses from 15 participants)

Code	Category
3	Saw child do/figure out something
2	A learning mindset (I'm a teacher/ I think about learning)

1	I think play is learning
4	Children's museums are places to learn
5	Did not specify

Q3c - Why not? Why do you think you didn't notice at the time? (applied to those who answered "No" or "I'm not sure")

(11 responses from 10 participants)

Code	Category
1	Need a prompt to reflect on the experience
2	I know it's enriching - so I don't have to think about it while there
3	Doesn't associate play with learning
4	Did not specify

Q4 - In your opinion, what is it exactly that makes children's museums a unique opportunity to see how your child(ren) learn?

(32 responses from 20 participants)

Code	Category
4	Variety of activities in one place
2	Designed for children
8	Designed for learning/ development
1	Play with a purpose
3	Allows for exploration/ open-ended
5	Hands-on and interactive
10	Other
6	Different materials and resources
9	Interaction with other children

Q5 - How, if at all, is a children's museum different from a playground?

(38 responses from 20 participants)

Code	Category
1	Materials and tools
2	Variety of experiences
3	Educational focus
7	Problem solving and mental engagement
5	Allows for exploration and experimentation
8	Hands-on/ more things to manipulate
4	Content areas/ subjects/ themes
6	Guaranteed interaction with others
9	Weather
10	Always changing (rotating exhibits)
11	Other