

**Investigation of Problem-solving Skills in Children Aged 11-12
Playing Regular Educational Games Regularly****Meryem Altuns^a and Muhsin Hazar^b**^a*Akpınar B. Abdişagi Secondary School, Kirsehir, Turkey*^b*Gazi University, Physical Education and Sport High School, Ankara, Turkey*Telephone: ^a<+05534514538>, ^b<05359675361>E-mail: ^a<mrymltn@hotmail.com>, ^b<muhsin@gazi.edu.tr>**KEYWORDS** Systematic. Pedagogic. Play. Question. Working-out. Ability

ABSTRACT This study examined the frequency of educational games applied on problem-solving skills in children of the age group 11-12 years. The experimental and control groups consisted of 30 students each. Educational games were played for 3 days a week, for 10 weeks in the experimental group, and pretest and posttest were applied to both groups as Problem Solving Inventory for Children. Data was analyzed using the Mann Whitney Test, U Test and Wilcoxon signed ordinal numbers test. While no significant difference between the groups was found in preliminary tests, a significant difference was found as $p = 0.008 < 0.05$ in confidence sub-dimension between the posttests, and as $p = 0.016 < 0.05$ in self-control sub-dimension. In the avoidance sub-dimension, no statistically significant difference was found as $p = 0.132 > 0.05$. As a result, the conclusion was reached that the 10-week educational game practices created a significant difference in confidence and self-control that were the sub-dimensions of problem-solving skills.