

## Smart Baby Toys?

adapted from an article by **Cathy O'Leary**

- 1 Many parents are trying to turn their child into a 'baby genius' by buying expensive games and gadgets. Instead, it would be better if they let them learn naturally during play, according to an Australian education expert.
- 2 Expert Michael Nagel, who has written several books on neurological development in children, said many parents mistakenly believe they can speed up their child's development.
- 3 Manufacturers of smart toys are taking advantage of this. They try to convince parents that buying products such as fancy flash cards, Mozart CDs, glossy activity books and language DVDs could greatly accelerate their child's development.
- 4 Dr Nagel claims that children feed their brain through engaging with their environment. "When you let them run around outside, playing and socialising with other children, and provide them with a loving, safe environment at home, that's all a child needs for healthy development. Young children also learn literacy and academic skills through daily activities such as writing shopping lists, counting towels in the wash and counting or colour-matching toys."
- 5 "Trying to have children do too much too soon by performing certain tasks or producing certain results may engulf children in undue stress beyond their limited coping abilities. 39, this stress can turn off thinking processes and it may even hinder development in other important regions of the brain which can be harmful to later learning."



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## Tekst 13

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- 1p 37 'let them learn naturally during play' (alinea 1)  
→ In welke alinea herhaalt Michael Nagel dit punt?  
*Noteer het nummer van deze alinea.*
- 1p 38 'Manufacturers of smart toys are taking advantage of this.' (paragraph 3)  
What is meant by 'this'?
- A The demands on the producers to come up with challenging new toys.
  - B The inability of many consumers to spend money on new gadgets.
  - C The insights people get from reading professor Michael Nagel's book.
  - D The wrong idea parents can have about their children's mental growth.
- 1p 39 Kies bij 39 in alinea 5 het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.
- A However
  - B Likewise
  - C Moreover

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### Bronvermelding

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