

Abstract

The bachelor's thesis provides an overview of the current literature, which deals with the research of the play of parents with offspring in humans and selected species of mammals. The literature review briefly introduces the concept of play and summarizes opinions on motivation for playful behaviour. It presents the benefits of playful behaviour. It includes an overview of current research findings that compare the playful behaviour of fathers with offspring and mothers with offspring. The aim of the research is to compare the course of paternal and maternal play in humans and in biparental species. The research will be carried out using the transcription of a freely available video. Research data help answer the question of whether there are different differences in paternal and maternal play across species. Research data help answer the question of whether there are differences in paternal and maternal play across species of mammals.

Keywords

Play; Playful behaviour; Motivation for play; Parental play; Maternal play; Paternal play; Phylogenetic comparison