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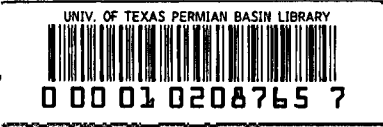
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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to examine the interrelationships of altruism, cooperation and Type A personality types in school-aged children. It was predicted that older children and Type A children would be more competitive and show fewer altruistic behaviors. Forty third-grade students and fifty-two kindergarten students served as subjects. Teachers completed the MYTH on each child to determine his/her personality type. Subjects were then paired according to Type A or Type B profiles, AA, AB, BB. The children played two games, a marble pull and a teaching task. By the time all of the games were completed, each child had received three stickers. The children were scored on how well they cooperated in the games and shared the stickers. Statistical analysis showed that third grade students cooperated and shared more in the teaching and sharing tasks which was contrary to the original hypothesis. There were no age differences found for the marble pull task, however, girls showed more cooperation than boys. Type A personality was only marginally related to performance on the tasks.