

# After-school activities

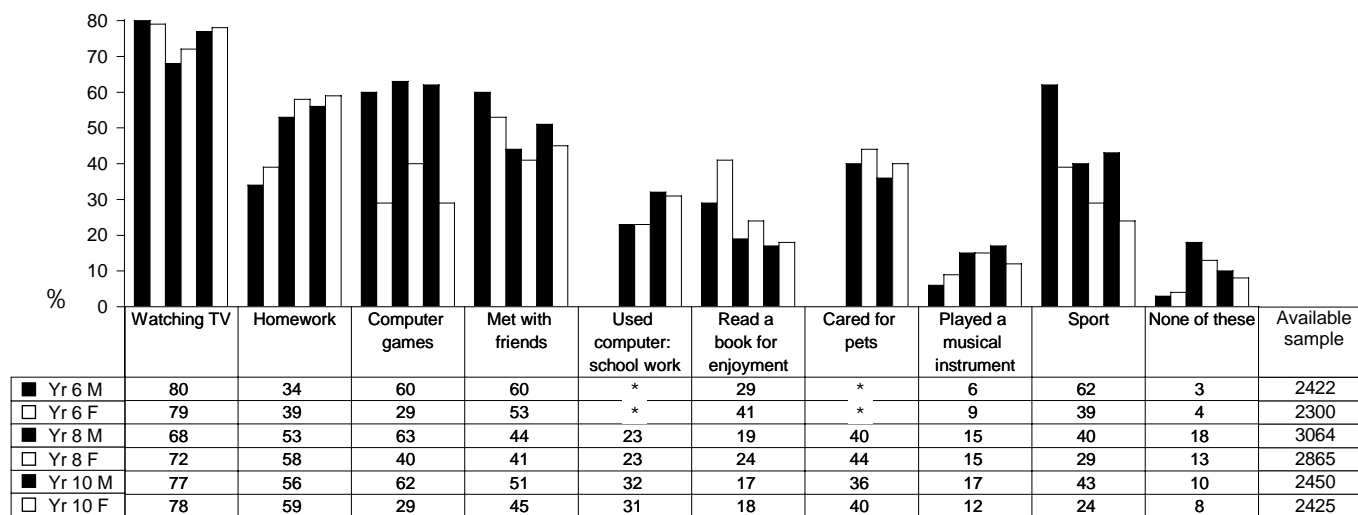
*Watching television is the most popular activity*

## Activities after school on the previous evening (71) (Pri.18)

### Comments

1. More popular with males (5+% difference). All years: *Playing computer games, meeting with friends, playing sport.*
2. More popular with females (5+% difference). All years: *Reading a book.* Year 8: *Caring for pets.*
3. Age differences (5+% difference). Both genders: *reading books, meeting friends, computer games, sport.* Females only: *caring for pets.*

1. The fall in the percentage of 'readers' between Years 6, 8 and 10 implies a decline in the importance of books in the lives of children as they grow older.
2. The partial declining participation of females in sport seen for this question is mirrored in the later section on sport (page 95-97).
3. The use of computers, for a purpose other than playing games, is not markedly different between males and females but, clear differences are seen in relation to use of a computer for games.



\* Year 6 pupils were not asked about these activities