

# PARTICIPATORY EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

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## GENERAL GUIDELINES



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# PROCESSES

## First Control Process

- It is checked whether the instructions given in the preparation section are followed.
- It is checked if the article has been prepared according to the template presented in the preparation section.
- If the research is descriptive, it is checked whether it has been studied with more than one variable.
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- If both referees give a major revision or rejection decision, the study is rejected.
- Referee comments are reviewed by the editor. If it is understood that the referee has made inappropriate, unfair, or subjective evaluations, the relevant referee's opinion will not be taken into account. Another referee is invited to replace them.
- The refereeing process may differ depending on whether the referees respond to the invitation in a timely manner, complete the review on time, if a third or more referees are required. This period can vary between 1-8 months on average.
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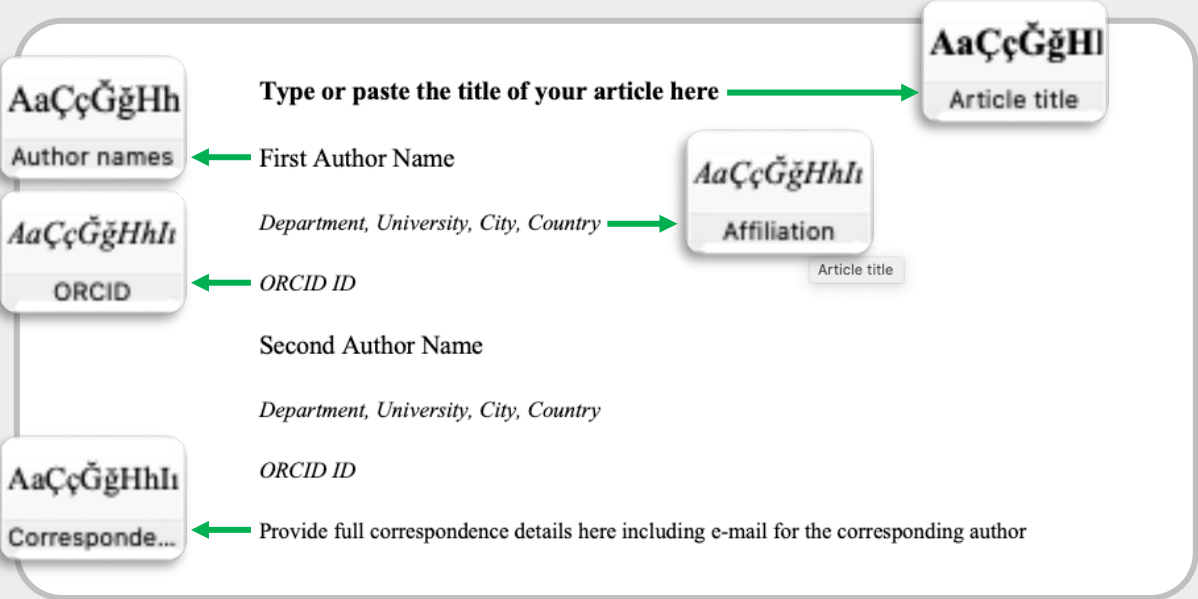
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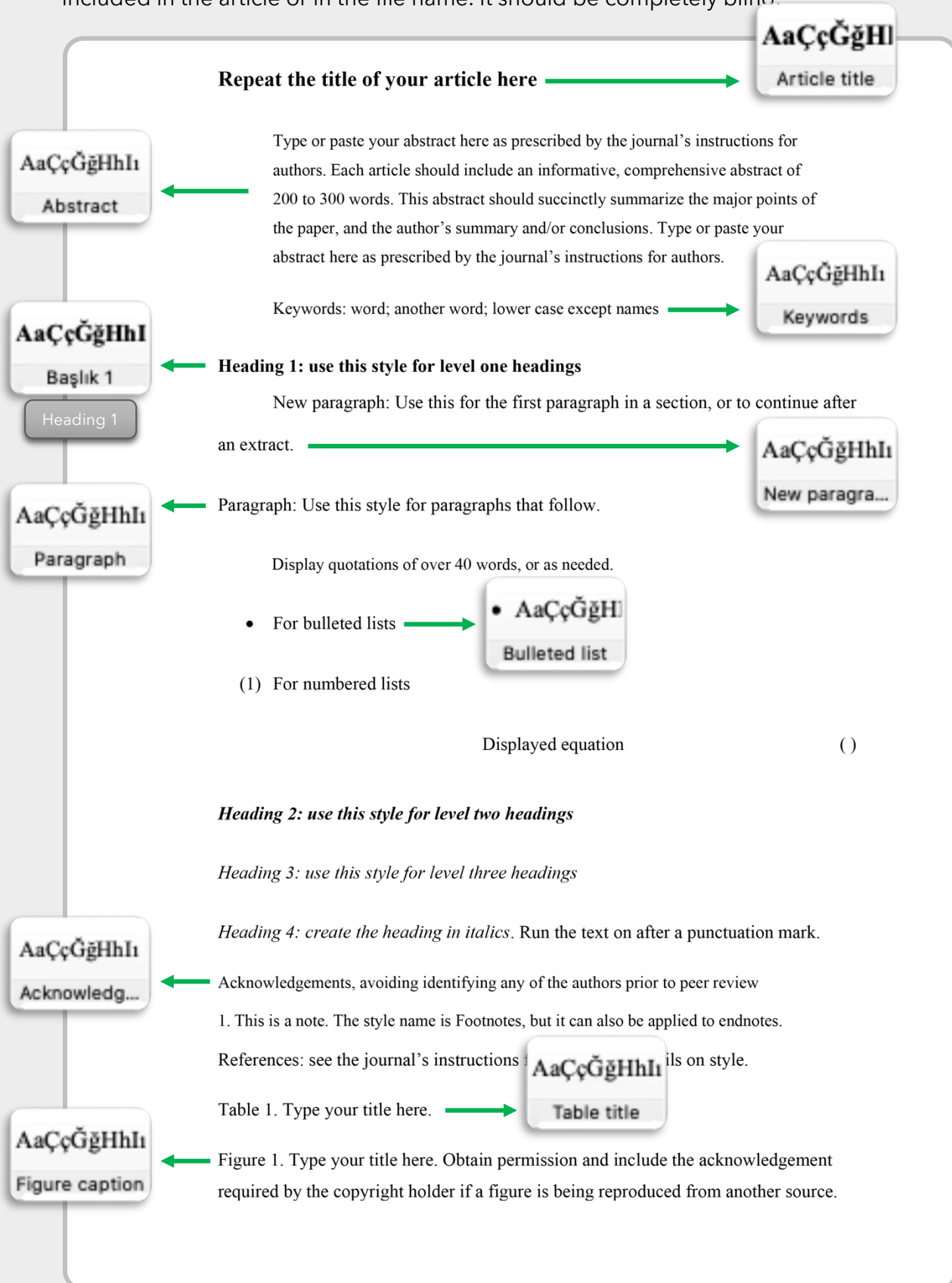


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**table number** → Table 1

**table title** → *Numbers of Children*

**stub heading:** heading that describes the leftmost column → Grade

**table spanner:** heading that covers the entire width of the table body, allowing for further divisions → Wave 1

**stub column or stub:** leftmost column of the table; usually lists the major independent or predictor variables → Grade

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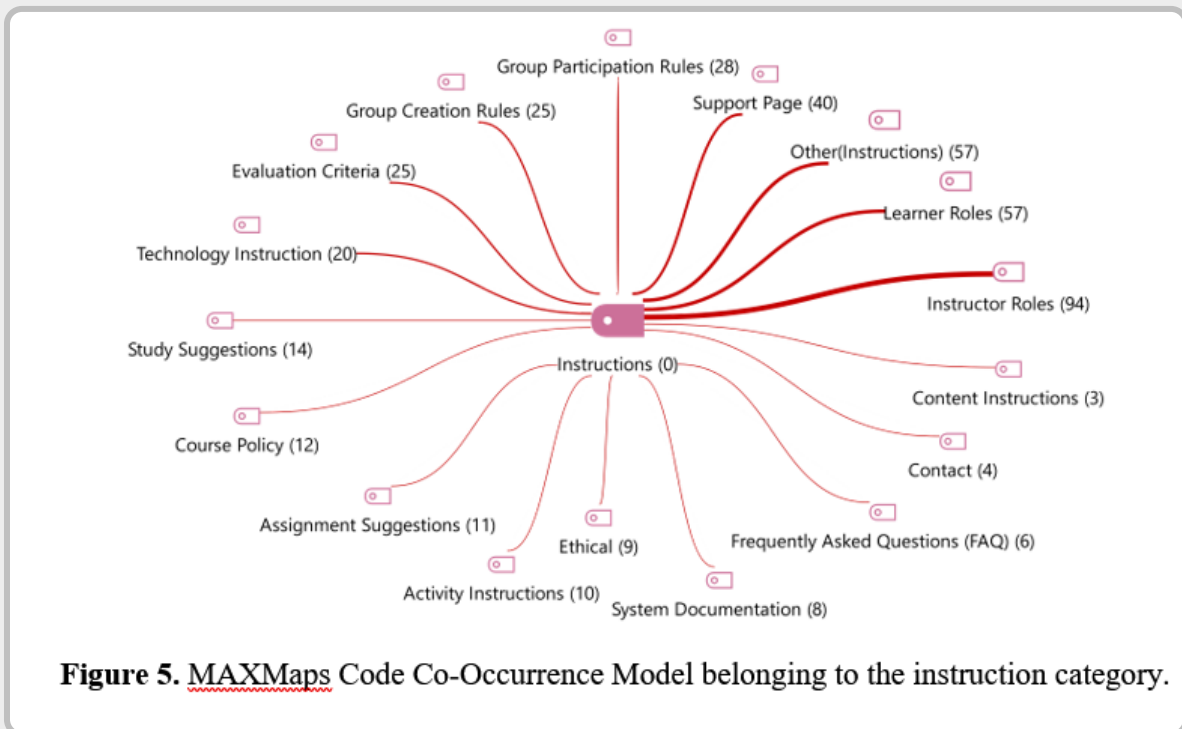
**column heading:** heading that identifies the entries in just one column in the table body → With, Without

**cell:** point of intersection between a row and a column → 280\*

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| Grade  | Girls            |                  | Boys             |         |
|--------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|
|        | With             | Without          | With             | Without |
| Wave 1 |                  |                  |                  |         |
| 3      | 280 <sup>a</sup> | 240 <sup>b</sup> | 281              | 232     |
| 4      | 297              | 251              | 290              | 264     |
| 5      | 301              | 260              | 306              | 221     |
| Total  | 878              | 751              | 877              | 717     |
| Wave 2 |                  |                  |                  |         |
| 3      | 201              | 189              | 210              | 199     |
| 4      | 214              | 194              | 236              | 210     |
| 5      | 221              | 216              | 239              | 213     |
| Total  | 636              | 599              | 685 <sup>*</sup> | 622     |

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