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1. INTRODUCTION

A case study is a research methodology used to study and analyse a problem in-depth. The subject of study is called the 'case'. The case may be an individual, organization or an event.

case studies always follow a research strategy. It involves an inquiry of the case studied. It is a systematic inquiry into an event or a set of related events which aims to describe and explain in detail the phenomenon of interest. It is an in-depth study of a particular situation rather than a statistical survey. Case studies, in their true essence, explore and investigate contemporary real-life phenomenon through detailed contextual analysis of a limited number of events or conditions, and their relationships. Yin defines the case study research method "as an empirical inquiry that investigates a contemporary phenomenon within its real-life context; when the boundaries between phenomenon and context are not clearly evident and in which multiple sources of evidence are used".

A case study may not answer a question completely, but it will give some indications and allow further elaboration and hypothesis creation on a subject. One limitation of case studies is that it is difficult to generalize from one case to another. There are different types of case studies.

1. Collective case studies

These involve studying a group of individuals. Researchers might study a group of people in a certain setting or look at an entire community of people.

2. Descriptive case studies

These involves starting with a descriptive theory. The subjects ~~with~~ are then observed and the information gathered is compared to the pre-existing theory.

3. Explanatory case studies

These are often used to do causal investigations. In other words, researchers are interested in looking at factors that may have actually caused certain things to occur.

case study helps in in-depth and detailed understanding of a problem or situation. Through case studies, a variety of information can be collected from different sources using different methods like interviews, observation etc. Case studies are an important research method used in psychology. Case study also provide insight for further research.

The present case study is to understand the problems of adolescent children regarding their different aspects of development. A child of the adolescent age group is selected as the case.

The problems faced by the child is studied in detail and possible findings are listed.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROBLEM

For the purpose of studying the behaviour problems of school children, 'selection of a case' is the foremost step. Here, the 'case' of the study should be an adolescent child.

I used to notice a child named Kavya, who is residing near my home. She is not at all engaged in playing activities with her neighbourhood friends. She used to be with her mother always. When I talk to her, sometimes she never mind us or she think for a while and answer to our questions. She is not at all social. But she is good at drawing pictures. She even draw pictures on the soil using stones. I noticed these behaviours of the child.

3. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

The case of my study is an adolescent girl named Kavya. The girl shows learning disability and is a slow learner. The child is so shy and does not mingle with others. This case study is done to understand or analyse the reason for her learning disability and shyness.