

Excerpt from the Research Article¹

Two independent (unrelated) sample groups of parents and grandparents were recruited.... A total of 105 young adult parents, between the ages of 21 and 40 years, participated in this study.... A total of 105 middle-aged and older grandparents, ranging in age from 36 to 84 years ($M = 64$ years) also participated in this study. This group is defined as grandparents of any age, sex, or race who are (a) not serving as a primary caregiver to their grandchildren; (b) residing in a separate household from their grandchildren; and (c) living within a one-hour drive, or 50 miles, from their grandchildren.

The grandparent participants were more likely than young adult parents to rank the roles of religious guide ($\chi^2 = 34.1, p < .001$) and family historian ($\chi^2 = 6.18, p < .05$) as important. Also, grandparents were more likely than parents to rank the role of playmate as important to initiate with young grandchildren ($\chi^2 = 23.31, p < .001$).

Table 2
Intergenerational Perspectives on the Grandparent Role

Specific grandparent role	% of parents ranking role important	% of grandparents ranking role important
Friend	68	82
Teacher	60	76
Role model	55	66
Companion	45	54
Playmate**	52	76
Family historian*	39	64
Religious guide**	24	56
Mediator	26	31
Chauffeur	26	28

** $p < .001$. * $p < .05$

¹ Source: Dellmann-Jenkins, M., Hollis, A. H., & Gordon, K. L. (2005). An intergenerational perspective on grandparent roles: Views of young parents and middle-age/older adults. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships*, 3, 35-48. Copyright © 2005 by The Haworth Press, Inc. Reprinted with permission.

9. Do any of the differences between parents' and grandparents' perspectives, as indicated in Table 2, surprise you? Why? Why not?
10. What is your opinion on the researchers' decision to restrict the study to grandparents who were (a) not serving as a primary caregiver to their grandchildren; (b) residing in a separate household from their grandchildren; and (c) living within a one-hour drive, or 50 miles, from their grandchildren?
11. Table 2 contains percentages but not the frequencies. For instance, 60% of the 105 parents thought that the role of "Teacher" was important. By multiplying 0.60 times 105, the consumer of the research can determine that 63 of the parents thought that the role of "Teacher" was important. In your opinion, should the researchers have included such frequencies along with the percentages in the table?