

Supplemental Material

Two girls dressed as pirates

Conversation with daughter:

Child "They are going to fight with a sword."
Father "Yes, pirates"
Child "Is really for boys."
Mother "Yes I guess so."
Father "Yes?"
Mother "Could also be for girls"

Child turns page

Conversation with daughter:

Father "Hey, what is this!?"
Child "These are two, hm, are they boys?"
Father "Yes, that's right, they are two boys."
Mother "Yes, they are two boys."
Child "Two boys wearing princess dresses?"
Father "That is a little weird huh?"
Child "Yes."

Child turns page

Conversation with son:

Child "They are playing pirates."
Father "Nice!"
Mother "This looks like fun. They have kind of the same dress-up clothes as you. I think you could dress up like this."
Father "Hat on"
Child "Only without girls."
Mother "Without girls?"
Father "Don't you want to play with girls?"

Mother "You have girl friends as well."
Child "Yes, but they do not really like pirates."

Child turns page.

Mother "They do not like pirates? What do they like? Your girl friends?"
Child "I am really not going to say that."
Mother "Oh, that's a secret. Okay."
Father "Okay, let's look at the next picture."

Two boys dressed as princesses

Conversation with daughter:

Father "Hey, that is dad, isn't it?"
Child "This is dad and this is me."
Father "Ha!"
Mother "You are wearing nice dresses."
Child "Haha, they are wearing dresses!"
Mother "That doesn't matter, right? You also wear dresses sometimes, right?"
Child "But that's not really for boys."
Father "No."
Mother "No, but sometimes boys also wear dresses."
Father "But dad doesn't often wear a dress."
Mother "No, not dad."
Father "Okay."

Child turns page.

Conversation with son:

Mother "Hey, who are these? Are they regular girls?"
Child "No, two boys."
Father "Two boys?"
Mother "Are they two boys? What are they wearing?"
Child "A dress and... I don't know."

Mother "This is also some kind of princess dress. The boys are pretending to be princesses."

Child "Yes."

Mother "Do they like that game?"

Child "Hmhm" (nods)

Mother "Yes? Do you also play princesses?"

Child "No."

Mother "No? Why not?"

Child "I don't know. We don't like princesses."

Mother "Why not?"

Child "Just because, because it's stupid."

Moeder "Do you think princesses are stupid? But Kate does like to be a princess."

Child "Because you have to wear very stupid girl dresses."

Mother "While you are a boy."

Child "And a bikini. And then you have nice little breasts."

Father "Well, you don't just get them."

Mother "If you play in the 'doll corner'¹, do you wear nice princess dresses than?"

Child "No, heehee!"

Mother "No? You never do that?"

Child "Just once..."

Mother "Just once? Were you a princess then?"

Child "Not for a very long time."

Mother "No, just for a short period of time."

Child "A very short period of time."

Father "Were you trying it out?"

Child "Yes."

Mother "Whether you liked it."

Mother turns page

¹ This is the common name for a corner with stereotypically girls' toys in elementary schools in the Netherlands.