

Freud

1. **Freud wrote that the case study of Little Hans provided support for his theory of sexuality. Outline two pieces of evidence from the study that support Freud's theory of sexuality.**

2. **The study by Freud contains the following extract of a conversation between Hans and his father.**

*Father: When the horse fell down did you think of your Daddy?
Hans: Perhaps. Yes, it's possible*
 - a. What was Hans' father trying to find out with this questioning?
 - He was trying to find out if the horse reminds him of his father.
 - b. Give **one** problem with this type of questioning.
 - It is called leading questions. He is putting words in his mouth. The subject is vulnerable and also seeks approval from his father, therefore he agrees.

3. **The study by Freud is an example of "action research" where the researcher collects evidence at the same time as attempting to bring about a change in the situation. Using the case study of Little Hans as an example, give two problems with conducting action research.**
 - The case seems to be both scientific evidence and treatment, these should be separated, because you can't treat what you are investigating, how can it remain unchanged to be investigated.
 - You can't generalize from action research; you can often make claims only about the people and/or organisation actually studied. It may not be the case to assume that other people or other organisations are the same.

4.
 - a. **In the study by Freud, Little Hans is referred to as a "little Oedipus". Briefly describe the Oedipus complex.**
 - In the Oedipus complex, boys feel sexual desires for their father; they see their fathers as rival. They fear their father might castrate them. They identify with the aggressor (father).

 - b. **Outline one piece of evidence from the study that is used to support the claim that Hans is a "little Oedipus".**
 - In one of his fantasies where he is married to his mother and playing with his own children and promoted his father to a role of grandfather.

5.
 - a. **From Freud's study on "Little Hans", outline one piece of evidence that**

suggests Hans' phobia resulted from the Oedipus complex.

- When one night he told his father of a dream/ fantasy, `` where there was a big giraffe in the room and a crumpled one: and the big one called out because I took the crumpled one away from it. Then it stopped calling out and I sat down on top of the crumpled one. ``

b. Outline an alternative explanation for Hans' phobia.

- Maybe Hans's dreams about widdlers and widdling were caused by his fear that his mother might cut off his penis.
- Because Hans' father took such an interest in him, that Hans identified with his father and wished to be like him.
- Hans may have been afraid of being separated from his mother (separation anxiety) therefore feared horses as main mode of transport.

6. From the study by Freud, briefly describe one of Little Hans' dreams or fantasies.

- He was married to his mother and was playing with his own children. In this fantasy his father was had promoted the role of a grandfather.
- In this second fantasy, he described how a plumber came and first removed his bottom and widdler and then gave him another one of each, but larger.