**Observation: Children At Play**

There are many reasons to observe children. Observations can help you answer questions about children’s development and behavior. Observations can give you new ideas about how to work and interact with children. You can learn to look for causes that affect children’s behavior. Observations can also help you see how children react to others. For this activity, observe one or more children at play. Record your observation notes and write your responses to the statements below.

1. List the purpose of the observation:

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1. What are the genders and approximate ages of the children being observed:

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1. What new or interesting behaviors did you observe from the children?

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1. Summarize your notes/comments about the observation as a whole (what did you learn?)

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1. What other information do you need in order to make any conclusions about the observation?

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