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Observation Task (Assignment 1)

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Introduction

- This module does not aim to teach the research methods, however consideration of basic principles of participant observation is required

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- Methods of observation
 - Direct observation
 - Participant observation
- Collecting information/data
 - Systematic approach
 - Field notes
 - Ethnography

Key Considerations when Conducting Observations

- Ethics
 - Informed Consent
 - Understanding and acknowledging your impact as an observer
- Getting in
- Building rapport

Key Considerations when Conducting Observations

- How to collect information/data
 - Structured (template required)
 - Unstructured
 - Semi-structured
- How will you organise your notes

What to look for?

- Language
- Body language
- Overall atmosphere/social environment
- Session structure

Your role in the observation

- Back seat?
 - Hands on?
 - Participant?
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- Please ensure you have gained approval before commencing your observation (see moodle)