# Outdoor play observation record

**Observer’s name:**

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**Location of observation:**
What kind of space is this? Describe its features, atmosphere and character.

**What are children doing?**
Describe the play you are observing.

**Who is playing?**
Are children playing alone, or in a group? Who is leading? Are adults involved?

**What are children playing with?**
Note the equipment, materials or resources children are using in their play.

**Are all children absorbed in this play?**
Are they enjoying the play? Are they fully engaged? How can you tell?

**What are children saying?**
Record words and phrases you hear, or other ways children are communicating.

**Your summary**
What does this observation tell you about THIS episode of children’s play?