Collecting Data Using Time Sampling Observation

Directions
Conduct a 30-40 minute time sampling observation. You may observe your family or friends, or with permission from a student’s teacher, you may observe a student in the classroom. Follow the steps below to complete your observation, and then answer the reflection questions that follow.

1. Print the Time Sampling Record Sheet from the activity section of Lesson 3c.

2. Decide whom you will observe. Provide details here.

3. Decide what behavior you are going to observe (choose only one behavior that is likely to occur at least a few times during your observation). Provide details here.

4. Decide which type of time sampling you will do (whole interval, partial interval, momentary). Provide details here.

5. Decide how long you are going to observe (should be 30-40 minutes). Provide details here.

6. Find a place where you can comfortably see the person you have decided to observe. Provide details here.
7. Fill out the top portion of the form, including the date, time, and behavior that you will be observing.

8. As you observe, following the guidelines provided in this lesson, make tally marks in the appropriate box if the behavior occurs during that interval.

**Reflection Questions**

How did it go? What worked well and what did not work well?

What will you do differently if you have to do this type of observation again?