Collecting Data Using a Checklist

Conduct an observation using the sample Motor Skills Checklist provided in this lesson. The checklist is only a sample and includes motor skills typically developed by about age 3. If you observe a child younger or older than 3 years, keep in mind that some of the skills may be too difficult or simple for the child. Remember to obtain teacher and/or parent permission before observing a child. Follow the steps below to complete your observation, and then answer the reflection questions that follow.

1. Print the checklist provided at end of lesson.

2. Decide whom you will observe. Describe here.

3. Find a place where you can comfortably see the child you have decided to observe. Describe here.

4. Fill out the top portion of the checklist record sheet, including the date, time, and age of the child that you will be observing.

5. As you observe, record the presence or absence of the motor skills on the checklist.
Reflection Questions

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

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