

## RUNNING RECORD OBSERVATION

A running record is a detailed, objective, sequential recording written ***while the event is happening***. It is generally short, often only 10 minutes or less. The observer writes down everything possible that the child says and does during a specified length of time or during a designated activity. Record all observed behavior, in great detail: actions, body and verbal language, facial expressions, etc. Remember, this is only what is directly observed! Use the left margin to make frequent note of time passed. Later in the day use the right margin to make reflective comments about what is seen. Reflective comments may include developmental information as well as contextual observations. Comments should also have notes on actions the observer might make in response to the observed behavior. Remember to include all domains of development; do not focus on a single behavior or perception.

Child \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Setting \_\_\_\_\_

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