

**EFPY 910: Methods of Assessment in Child Development**  
**Continuous Assessment: Administer a Focused Observation Assessment**

The purpose of this assessment is for you to administer a focused observation assessment. You will then use your observations of the child’s behavior to draw inferences about the child’s development.

**Step 1.** Select a child between the ages of 3 to 6 whom you can have frequent access to in multiple situations over the span of one week.

**Step 2.** Observe the child regularly in many situations over the course of one week using the Early Learning Observation and Rating Scale. Keep notes of your observations of the child in the seven domains of learning. Be sure that these are **observations of behavior**, not inferences.

**Step 3.** At the end of the one week period, rate the child on each of the seven domains of learning using the Early Learning Observation and Rating Scale.

**Step 4.** Summarize the development of the child using page 10 of the Early Learning Observation and Rating Scale. Draw inferences about the child’s development in a one-page summary the child’s development in each of the seven domains.

**Step 5.**

Write the report.

*Part A. Description of the child.* Briefly describe the child and your relationship to the child.

*Part B. Description of Observations.* Describe the child’s **behavior** during times of observation. Also include when, where, how long, and the contexts in which you observed the child.

*Part C. Inferences of Child’s Development.* Describe the child’s development in each of the seven domains of development.

*Appendix.* Present the Observation Records.

**Marking Scheme**

Category	Description	Points Possible	Points Earned
Description of Child	Description of child is clear.	2	
Description of Observations	Description of observations is clear and nature of observations are sufficient.	3	
Inferences of Child’s Development	The inferences of development are directly related to the observations collected.	10	
Appendix	Observation Records completed are thorough.	10	
	<b>Total</b>	25	