



Lesson 10: Research methods 7.2 Non-experimental method: observations

Learning objective	To gain knowledge and understanding of observations
Lesson objectives	By the end of the lesson, learners will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply knowledge of ethical issues to observations • Apply knowledge of observations to novel scenarios • Plan and conduct a small-scale practical observation
Vocabulary	n/a
Previous learning	Learners have studied the full content of the sub-topic 7.2 Non-experimental method: observations.

Plan

Activities		Resources
Beginning (5 mins)	Learners complete the starter activity reviewing the key terms from the sub-topic.	
Middle (50 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain that learners will be in small groups to plan and conduct a small scale structured, overt observation. • Discuss the task with learners and support them in groups to plan an ethical, feasible observation for 5-10 minutes. You can use the classroom, another supervised environment or wildlife webcams from the previous lesson. • After approving the learners' plans, they can conduct the observation. • Lead a whole class discussion on how the observations went. 	
End (5 mins)	Learners can conduct the reflection exercise as plenary in their practical groups.	

Reflection and evaluation

Reflection:

Summary evaluation:

What two things went really well? (Consider both teaching and learning.)

- 1.
- 2.

What two things would have improved the lesson? (Consider both teaching and learning.)

- 1.
- 2.

What have I learned from this lesson about the class or individuals that will inform my next lesson?

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