

At Recess/At the Playground

Spend 10 minutes of recess observing everything around you, step back from things and pretend you are a visitor from another place. Take along paper and pencil. Record your observations using the questions below.

OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

What sounds do you hear?

What smells do you smell?

What are people doing?

Circle any activities that apply and add any that aren't listed:

Running

Singing

Basketball

Soccer

Jump rope

Reading

Timeout

Talking

Who is leading the activities? Who is watching? Are they boys or girls?

How many people are doing the different activities?

What's the weather like?

Do you think people are having a good time? Why or why not?

Write a short description of the recess time you observed:

Analysis:

Study your notes and observations. Do you notice any patterns? Can you conclude anything about recess time? Is it fun or boring for children? Why or why not?