

Unit 1.1. Assignments

Portfolio assignment: observation

Pay attention to how girls and boys are playing at school.

Choose one lesson you will be teaching where you are using play. Using an observation template, make notes on the following three questions:

- Which of the five characteristics do you see reflected in their play?
- How did you know? What did you see or hear that makes you think this?
- What do you think they are learning as they play? Think of all parts of their development – physical, brain, social, emotional, and academic.

Use the observation template. Choose one skill that you want to observe (for example: learners trying to do something repeatedly). Try observing this skill in four or five learners in your class. Write your reflections on each learner in the boxes in the template.

If you have filled in the observation template, please put it in your portfolio.

If you have not used play in your teaching before, reflect on one lesson you taught in your classroom:

- Were there opportunities for your learners to experience the five characteristics of Learning through Play in the lesson as it was taught?
- Where could you have integrated more opportunities for your learners to play during the lesson?
- How do you think your lesson would have changed if you had included play into the learning?