

## Observational research proforma

Observational research projects often benefit from a planning guide/proforma. In the first section of this document, this could include details of the design of the activity, key contextual information, such as the date, time and setting of the observation, and the name or type of session being observed. Structured observations should also include a second section that captures the key themes and topics being planned, relevant to the research questions. An ethnographic design would instead require more general format in the second section for the researcher to take observational field notes.

Further guidance can be found in [Bryman's Social Research Methods \(6<sup>th</sup> Edition\)](#) (chapters 12 & 18).

Some examples can be found at:

- [Scribbr 'What is an observational Study? Guide & Examples](#)
- [Study Smarter – Observational Research](#)
- [QuestionPro – Qualitative Observation – Definition with Examples](#)