

What to look out for when conducting observations

There are 5 main categories of things to look out for when conducting an observation:



Behavior

What your participants do



Words

What your participants say



Faces

What your participants feel Where your participants look



Environment

Where your participants are



Artifacts

What your participants use

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What you find out when doing observations

Activities:

On the most basic level you find how people do different things by observing their activities.

Feelings:

You find out if experiences are positive or negative by observing your participant's feelings -and what prompts those feelings.

Relationships:

You find out how people interact and collaborate by observing their relationships

Enculturation:

You build an understanding of the culture or group that you are observing.

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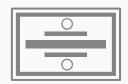
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