

Animal Observation

Scientists who study animal behavior are called ethologists. They use a data sheet called an ethogram to record the animal behavior they observe.

Choose one ape at the Zoo to observe for 5 minutes. Every thirty seconds, record that animal's (and only that animal's) behavior. If the animal goes to a place where you cannot see it, just record it as "out of view." Don't switch to a different individual animal during your observation period.

Animal: _____

Time of first observation: _____

Notes: _____

Time	Behavior Observed
30 sec.	
1 min.	
1 min. 30 sec.	
2 min.	
2 min. 30 sec.	
3 min.	
3 min. 30 sec.	
4 min.	
4 min. 30 sec.	
5 min.	