Summer assessment observation sheet Nursery



Child's name	Practitioner	Date

Throughout the assessment, you should give the child a reasonable length of time to answer each question.

If the child does not respond, move on to the next question without selecting an answer.

There is space to record how **confidently** and **independently** the child answered each question. You can use the 'Notes' sections to record any extra useful information. For example:

- the child's response
- the child's behaviour

- strategies used by the child
- strategies used by the practitioner

This assessment is designed to be enjoyable and part of a child's everyday learning. Use your professional judgement and knowledge of the child to decide how much of the assessment the child completes.

Questions 1–5 assess the child's ability to **count a number of objects**. If the child responds incorrectly, or does not respond, to two questions in a row, move to question 6.

Count a number of objects				
1	How many hats are there?			
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			
2	How many shells are there?			
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			

3	Point to the number that shows how many dots there are.			
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			
4	How many ice creams are	there?		
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			
5	How many fish are there?			
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			

Questions 6 and 7 assess the child's ability to **count out loud**.

You should only read out question 6.

Record the answer to question 7 based on how the child responds to question 6. You do not need to ask the child to count twice.

Cou	Count out loud			
6	Can you count to 20? Show me.			
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			
7	Did the child count to 10 correctly?			

Questions 8–9 assess the child's ability to **compare items by size**.

Com	Compare items by size			
8	Point to the biggest ball.			
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			
9	Point to the smallest star.			
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			

Questions 10–12 assess the child's ability to **subitise**. If the child responds incorrectly, or does not respond, to two questions in a row, move to question 13.

Subi	Subitise			
10	How many crabs do you see (without counting)?			
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			
11	Which one has 3 dots?			
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			

12	How many dots do you see (without counting)?				
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped		
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes			
	Confidence 1 2 3				

Questions 13–19 assess the child's ability to **identify and write numerals**. If the child responds incorrectly, or does not respond, to two questions in a row, move to question 20.

For questions 16 and 18, you will need something for the child to write with.

Identify and write numerals			
13	What number is this?		
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes	
	Confidence 1 2 3		
14	What number is this?		
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes	
	Confidence 1 2 3		
15	Can you write the number	3? This is what it looks like.	
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes	
	Confidence 1 2 3		
16	What number is this?		
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes	
	Confidence 1 2 3		

17	Point to the number seven.			
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			
18	Can you write the number	two?		
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			
19	What number is this?			
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			

Questions 20–23 assess the child's ability to **compare quantities**. If the child responds incorrectly, or does not respond, to two questions in a row, move to question 24.

Compare quantities					
20	Point to the picture that has more suns.				
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped		
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes			
	Confidence 1 2 3				
21	There are 2 buckets and 3 spades. What is there more of?				
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped		
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes			
	Confidence 1 2 3				

22	Which of these numbers is the smallest?		
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes	
	Confidence 1 2 3		
23	Which of these numbers is bigger than 4?		
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped
	Could answer Independence 1 2 3	Struggled to answer Notes	Question skipped

Questions 24–26 assess the child's ability to **notice and continue patterns**. If the child responds incorrectly, or does not respond, to two questions in a row, move to question 27.

Notice and continue patterns				
24	Ball, hat, ball, hat, ball What comes next?			
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			
25	Look at the pattern. What comes next?			
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			
26	Tell me what you see. What	at comes next?		
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped	
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes		
	Confidence 1 2 3			

Questions 27–29 assess the child's ability to **solve mathematical problems**. If the child responds incorrectly, or does not respond, to two questions in a row, move to question 30.

Solve mathematical problems					
27	Lily has 2 bananas. Then, she eats 1. How many bananas has Lily got left?				
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped		
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes			
	Confidence 1 2 3				
28	May has 3 kites. Then, 1 flies away. How many kites does May have now?				
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped		
	Independence 1 2 3 Confidence 1 2 3	Notes			
29	Joey has 2 shells. Then, his sister gives him another shell. How many shells does Joey have now?				
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped		
	Independence 1 2 3 Confidence 1 2 3	Notes			

Questions 30–32 assess the child's ability to **automatically recall number bonds**. If the child responds incorrectly, or does not respond, to two questions in a row, end the assessment.

Auto	utomatically recall number bonds					
30	What goes with 3 to make 4?					
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped			
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes				
	Confidence 1 2 3					

31	What goes with 4 to make 5?				
	Could answer	Struggled to answer	Question skipped		
	Independence 1 2 3	Notes			
	Confidence 1 2 3				
	What goes with 2 to make 5?				
32	What goes with 2 to make	5?			
32	What goes with 2 to make	Struggled to answer	Question skipped		
32			Question skipped		