

Momentary Time Sampling – Time on Task

Goal: The student will follow classroom rules and stay on task while doing ABA programs.

Target Behavior: On task/off task behavior during programming and activities

Instructions: Post classroom rules – Keep it simple and state them positively – Stick to about 3 rules – Example:

- 1. Stay on task
- 2. Follow teacher instructions
- 3. Keep my hands down

(These rules can change from session to session or over time, depending on goals)

Set a timer for 5 minutes. Every 5 minutes when the timer goes off, give the student a checkmark or an X for following the classroom rules. (Mark these on the whiteboard or on a sheet of paper)

Momentary Time Sampling: At that EXACT second in time when the timer goes off, is the student on or off task? E.g., If, at that exact second the student is on task (but weren't before this), they would still earn a check mark because they were on task at that EXACT second.

At the end of the session, have the student add up his check marks and X's and calculate a percentage. If he is over the target percent, then he can earn reinforcement (e.g., pizza and ice cream).

<u>Data Collection:</u> If the student is on-task during programming and activities when the 5-minute timer goes off, mark with a (Y) on the chart below. If he is off-task, mark with (N).

Graphing: The total %	on a momentar	v time samplin	g graph (below	 at the end of eve 	erv session.

Determining Percentage:	# Of Yes's (frequency):	Total # of intervals:
	% Of intervals:	graph this % daily)

<u>Target Percentage:</u> Look at the student's average from session to session. In the beginning, the student should be successful as possible and earn lots of reinforcement for on-task behavior. Start with 60%, but if we are seeing a trend that the student is lower, then adjust to 50% or lower if necessary. Once they meet that criteria for 3 sessions, increase the % required by 5%. Ideally, they should be on task for 80-90% of the session.



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