

Handout 2.1: Observations – objective or subjective?

In the right-hand column, indicate whether you think an item is:

- objective (O);
- subjective (S);
- or you're unsure (?).

		O/S/?
1	Collected own resources and settled down to work without prompting.	
2	Is able to work alone.	
3	Interacted appropriately with peers.	
4	Asked for help.	
5	Completed task on time.	
6	Sat quietly throughout the session.	
7	Shy and withdrawn.	
8	Lazy, can't be bothered.	
9	Dirty, smelly appearance reflects poor home life.	
10	Maintains eye contact appropriately.	
11	Aggressive body posture during one-to-one discussion.	
12	Cannot be trusted.	
13	Uses four-letter words frequently in conversation.	
14	Does not want to be here.	
15	Not interested.	
16	More interested in mobile phone.	
17	Friendly smile and manner.	
18	Speaks to others in the group in a way that I admired.	
19	Did not interrupt but contributed without prompting.	
20	Sensible.	
21	Followed written instructions to the letter.	
22	Refused to remove coat and baseball cap.	
23	Found a solution to the problem, and it worked.	
24	Didn't listen to a word I said.	
25	Explained instructions for the task to partner.	
26	Demonstrated recollection of key words.	
27	Arrogant.	
28	Spent 10 minutes discussing TV programme with friends.	