

What makes a good Child Study?

Divide your folder into sections and make sure that you include work under these headings:

Task Analysis:

An introduction to the task

Mind map 'Factors to consider'

Introduce the child you are studying

Include a physical description of the child

Research into PIES (physical, intellectual, emotional, social development)

Write about the appropriate areas of development (the milestones)

Choose an area of interest relevant to the age of the child

Give reasons why you have chosen the area of development

Suggest possible resources

Write a Task Title

Development Section:

Use research you have collected in the Task Analysis

Research into the chosen area of development

Suggest methods of observing the child

Write about the different activities you could carry out with the child

Think about the length and frequency of the observations

Decide which activities you are going to carry out

Give reasons why you have chosen those methods and activities

Planning Section:

Produce a 'Plan of Action'

Draw a flow chart to show the order you will do the observations

Plan each individual observation in detail and include:

- Timings
- Methods of observation
- Details about the activity
- Resources required

Suggest a variety of methods to record the observations

Write about any problems that you had and how you overcame them

Execution of the Task

Observations

Record all observations and write about what happened
Make sure that all your observations are relevant to the area of development you have chosen.
Include a number of different methods of observation

Application of Knowledge

Interpret observations to show that you have an understanding of the area of development you have chosen
Use the research you have collected to apply your knowledge and understanding of the task
Write about your own thoughts and opinions
Compare the development of the child you are studying with other children

