



FSP16

OBSERVATION SKILLS

Teacher activity information

Playground crime scene activity

This is another way to further develop your students' observation skills. It is based on **FSP31** – an online playground scene. Worksheets for this activity are available from the Personal Dossier – **FSP25**.

Equipment

- Playground observation activity (from website **FSP31**).
- Pen for students to record observations.
- Computer and data projector, or computers for students (individual or small group).

Method

1. Students observe the playground scene.
2. Ask students to record their observations (worksheet in **FSP25**).
3. Repeat - see if they can add anything further.
4. Have a class discussion on how hard it is to take everything in as a witness so forensics is an important tool.
5. Students can add their recordings to their Personal File.

NOTE:

Potential evidence at the playground crime scene includes:

- **Graffiti:** analysis of paint, "tag handwriting".
- **Hat:** hair analysis.
- **Freddo frog:** teeth impressions.
- **Bike tyres:** impressions.
- **Footprints:** impressions
- **Coke bottle:** fingerprint (superglue fuming).