



Course: Public Safety
Section: Law & Public Safety



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Observation and Memory Challenge

What You Will Do

Challenge a friend to test your attention to detail, recall, and reporting skills.

Materials You Will Need

- 2 players
- Table
- 10–15 objects
- Cloth or towel
- Paper and pencil
- Timer

Why Test Your Observational Skills?

Strong observation and memory skills are essential in law enforcement

- **Accurate Evidence and Reporting** – Detailed observation helps in documenting crime scenes correctly, which is vital for the investigation process. Accurate memory ensures that reports and courtroom testimony are reliable, reducing errors that could jeopardize cases.
- **Situational Awareness & Safety** – Officers must constantly observe surroundings to spot, analyze, and react to potential threats or unusual behavior. This awareness allows officers to de-escalate situations effectively.

Setup

1. Player 1 leaves the room or covers their eyes.
2. Player 2 arranges several objects on a table (keys, coin, pen, toy car, book, etc.).
3. Player 2 covers the objects with a cloth or towel.

Play the Observation Game

1. Player 1 uncovers their eyes and approaches the table.
2. Player 2 removes the cloth and starts the timer.
3. Player 1 observes the items for 30 seconds.
4. When the time is up, Player 2 stops the timer and covers the table.
5. Player 1 draws and writes down what objects they remember seeing and their position.
6. Remove the cloth.
7. Both players check Player 1's observations for accuracy.
8. Score 1 point for each correct object and 1 point for each correct position.
9. Repeat the game for Player 2 and compare scores.