Qualitative Research

A GUIDE TO KEY QUALITATIVE RESEARCH DATA COLLECTION METHODS

**Observations**
Watch and observe what your students are doing, during class activities. Record location, participants, time of day, specific behaviours and your reflections in a journal.

**Interview & Questionnaire**
Interview the principal, teachers, parents, children. Ensure your questions are targeted to answer your research question and open ended.

**Video Recordings**
Video record your classroom activities and analyse your own teaching practice or analyse children's interactions.

**Focus Groups**
Bring together a group of people (e.g. Teacher Aides) to answer questions in a moderated group setting.

**Documents and Artefacts**
Collect work samples from children's drawing, writing etc., or copies of individual education or learning plans.