

## Latency Recording – Description, Procedures, & Example

If you are interested in measuring the time that it takes for the student to respond, **you can measure using a latency recording method. Make sure that the behavior that you are looking at has a clear beginning so that you can tell exactly when the behavior starts.** To measure how long it takes to respond you will need some timing instrument such as a wall clock, wristwatch, or stopwatch.

Examples of **behaviors that are measured using latency recording** include the time it takes for a student to sit down **at** his or her desk, **take out work** materials, or begin writing.

### Procedures

- \* Make sure that you have your timing instrument available prior to beginning your observation
- \* Each time that you are expecting the behavior:
  - Write down the date
  - Write down the time when the instruction to do the behavior is given
  - Write down the time when the behavior starts
  - Calculate the length of time that it took for the behavior to begin and write it in minutes and/or seconds **(This is what you graph)**

### Example

Behavior Definition: Time it takes for the student to begin writing on assignment paper after instruction to start working on assignment is given to the whole class.

Date	Enter time when instruction is given	Enter time when behavior starts	Length of time for the behavior to start
11/5	8:46 AM	8:52 AM	6 minutes
11/6	8:32 AM	8:35 AM	3 minutes
11/7	8:55 AM	9:02 AM	7 minutes
11/8	8:44 AM	8:49 AM	5 minutes
11/9	8:37 AM	8:41 AM	4 minutes