

Data Collection- Pocket Transfer

Summary: Use your pockets and small objects such as paperclips or pennies to take easy, on-the-move data.

When to use:

- This method of collection allows you to stay focused on observing and accurately counting behaviors.
- Use to track student behaviors or skills.
- Use for behaviors that happen throughout the day.
- Use for behaviors that happen during an active task where you need your hands free.
- Best for taking data on how *often* a behavior happens (known as frequency data).

How to use:

1. Identify the target behavior and place a handful of paperclips in your left pocket.
2. Each time you observe the behavior, take one paperclip from one pocket and transfer it to the other.
3. At the end of the observation period, count the total number of paperclips in your “other” pocket and write that number on the data collection sheet of your choosing.