

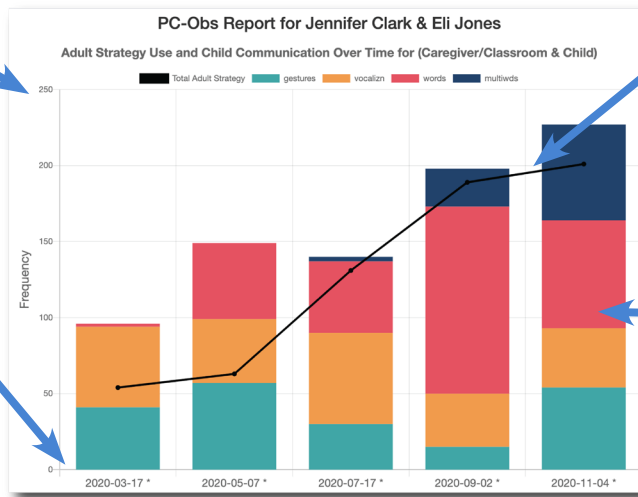
# PC-Obs: Quick Guide to Report Interpretation

PC-Obs provides caregivers feedback regarding their use of communication strategies and child communication. Graphs serve as a tool in supporting caregivers to increase their use of these strategies. Include discussion of these graphs in your sessions with caregivers so they can see how their use of strategies might impact child behavior over time. The graph and table can also be used to target strategies to work on in future sessions.

## The PC-Obs Bar Graph

While other pieces of data are meant for providers, the PC-Obs Bar Graph is the primary component that is shared with caregivers. It shows caregiver's use of strategies and child communication.

- The **vertical**, or up and down, axis shows the frequency of parent communication and child communication.
- The **horizontal**, or flat axis, shows observations over time, with each column of data representing one day's observation.



- The **dots connected by lines** represent the number of strategies used by parents. The first graph may have only one dot, not yet connected to others with a line.
- The **bars** represent child gestures, vocalizations, single words, and multiple-words, with a specific color showing these different types of child communication.

## The PC-Obs Table

The table is a tool used by the provider to interpret the graph. We do not recommend sharing the table with caregivers. Instead, use the table for planning purposes and to provide positive and constructive verbal feedback to caregivers. If you notice an **“Adult Strategy”** is increasing, let the caregiver know about the positive change you are seeing. If you notice a caregiver does not use a specific strategy, consider focusing on that strategy or trying a new way to teach that strategy. **“Other Adult Talk”** can also be used to guide your interpretation and coaching of the caregiver. For example, if a caregiver has a high number of directions, but does not provide choices often, you can discuss the merits of providing choices and how it can reduce the number of times a caregiver needs to provide directions. Last, we have **“Child Communications.”** The information on the table is provided on the graph, but if you need specific numbers, they can be found here.

Date	2020-03-17	2020-05-07	2020-07-17	2020-09-02	2020-11-04
Observer	James Reid	James Reid	James Reid	James Reid	James Reid
Total time spent on observation	00:15:00	00:15:00	00:15:00	00:15:00	00:15:00
<b>ADULT STRATEGIES</b>					
Comments & labels	33	18	45	39	62
Imitates & expands	2	6	10	30	18
Asks open-ended questions	6	14	32	41	44
Asks Yes/No questions	9	24	34	78	61
Gives praise & positive attention	0	0	3	0	3
Provides choices	4	1	7	1	12
Time-delay/fill-in-the-blank	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total Adult Strategies</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>OTHER ADULT TALK</b>					
Talk to Other Adult	0	4	2	5	4
Talk to Other Children	10	10	10	12	8
Gives directions or instructions	13	6	2	2	0
Uses disapproval or prohibitions	5	1	3	2	0
<b>CHILD COMMUNICATION</b>					
Gestures	41	57	30	15	54
Vocalizations	53	42	60	35	39
Words	2	50	47	123	71
Multiwords	0	0	3	25	63

## Environment Data

Everytime a PC-Obs is collected, the observer also answers questions about the environment. There are two different ways the environment data can be helpful.

1. If you see something in the PC-Obs bar graph that is unusual or stands out to you, look at the environment data to see if there is anything different about the environment for that observation.
2. If you are focused on changing the environment to encourage communication and adult-child interactions, use the Environment Data table to look at change over time and progress toward goals.

Date	2020-03-17	2020-05-07	2020-07-17	2020-09-02	2020-11-04
Observer	James Reid	James Reid	James Reid	James Reid	James Reid
Children's books are accessible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adult looked at books with child	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Child looked at books alone or only with children	No	Yes	No	No	No
Adult facilitates social interactions and/or cooperative play	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Electronic devices are primarily used in a manner that facilitates social interaction	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Competing activities are minimal	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Room and materials arranged to facilitate social interaction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Child able to access a variety of toys and materials	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

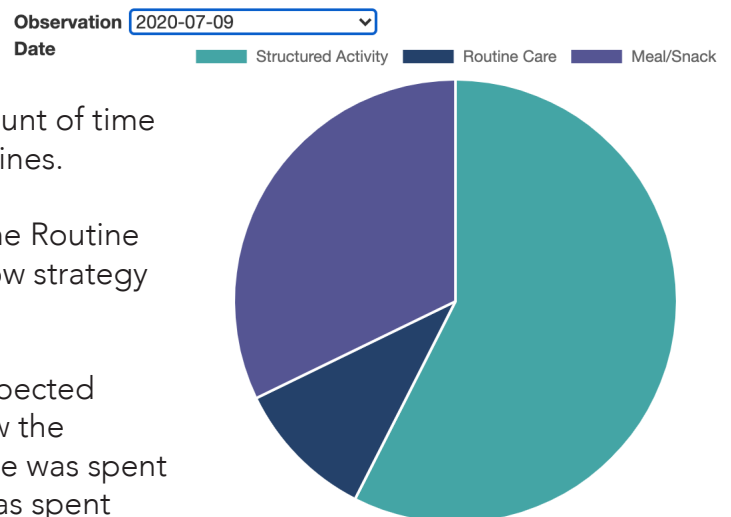
## Routine Pie Chart

PC-Obs keeps track of the amount of time spent in different routines or activities during the observation. You can then view how the observation time was spent with the pie chart.

For example, during the observation on 7/9/20, the caregiver and child spent most of their time in structured activities, but also spent a good amount of time having a meal/snack, and a bit of time in care routines.

When you pair the Adult Strategy Use data with the Routine Pie Chart, you may be able to identify trends in how strategy use relates to routines.

For example, if a caregiver's graph shows an unexpected decrease in strategy use, you may want to see how the observation time is usually spent, and how the time was spent during that observation. If the observation time was spent in a routine that isn't usually observed, it may be the caregiver needs additional coaching on how to use the Promoting Communication Strategies during that type of routine or activity.



## Other Information

There are many different ways to use these PC-Obs reports to enhance your work with caregivers and children. To receive additional training, please contact us at [pctalk@ku.edu](mailto:pctalk@ku.edu), or visit our website - [www.talk.ku.edu](http://www.talk.ku.edu) - to access our tutorials, PC TALK Manual, and PC-Obs System Manual.