

# **OBSERVATION SHEET FOR DICTOGLOSS ACTIVITY**

## 1. Dictagloss activity

Participants in groups of 4 - 1 person in each asked to be an observer. The observer told to note down what language is used in group discussion (using provided record sheet)

Participants told they are going to write a letter to the council to object/agree to the proposed building of parachute platforms on the top of tower blocks on safety grounds.

First paragraph of letter dictated at normal reading speed. Participants just listen. Paragraph read again, participants take notes.

Participants asked to recreate the paragraph as closely as possible to original.

## 2. Discussion of activity by observers.

<b>Stage of Activity and Prompt questions</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>Preparation</b></p> <p><i>What sort of talk was generated whilst the context for listening was being established?</i></p> <p><i>Any scientific terms used connected to air resistance?</i></p>	
<p><b>Listening to the text</b></p> <p><i>Any comments on the group's behaviour during the first reading?</i></p> <p><i>What sort of things are different individuals in the group writing down during the second reading?</i></p> <p><i>How much of what they write are information words and how much are function words?</i></p>	
<p><b>Reconstruction of the text</b></p> <p><i>What sort of language is used during the reconstruction of the text?</i></p> <p><i>How much of it echoes the text?</i></p> <p><i>How much of the scientific vocabulary connected to Forces is used?</i></p> <p><i>What sort of language is used for getting the task done?</i></p>	
<p><b>Comparison of versions of the text</b></p>	

<i>Any comments?</i>	
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