## Handout 9.6: Random Sample Table How To

## Session 9: Pilot and Full Data Collection

NOTE: This document is meant to serve as a template. The number of pupils needed for your sample may be different.
This document explains how to randomly sample 18 P3 pupils across all P3 classes in the selected schools You will assess 16 of these students and the remaining 2 will be replacement students should any of the first 16 not wish to participate. Note: You must complete the Pupil Sampling Worksheet document at every school visited.

| Step | Instruction |
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| 1. | Make an announcement to the students: <br> ィ "I will randomly choose 18 of you to play a literacy game <br> with us today." |
| $1-18$ <br> pupils | \&First I I'm going to count all of the P3 pupils in your class. <br> Could all of the P3 students please form a line? Any order is <br> fine." |
| 2. | Go down the line counting all of the P3 students. |
|  | On the Pupil Sampling Worksheet, write the total number of <br> students lined up. |
| 4. |  |



## If there are 18 or fewer pupils in the line:

You will automatically select all students. Even if there are fewer than 16 students, still continue with the assessment.

| Step | Instruction |
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| Note | If there are 17 or 18 students: <br> Use the $17^{\text {th }}$ and $18^{\text {th }}$ students as <br> replacement students if one or two of the <br> previous students are not willing or able <br> to be assessed. Be sure to write down <br> their names. |
| 6. | Have all the students sit back in their <br> regular seats. Remind the selected <br> students to please bring their English and <br> Akuapem Twi exercise books when they <br> come to read with you. Call the first <br> student on your sampling worksheet. |


| If there are $\mathbf{1 9}$ or more pupils: You will need to randomly sample 18 pupils. |  |  |
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| Step | Instruction | Example |
| 5. | Using the Pupil Sample Table, find the row where the first <br> column is equal to the total number of students in the class, <br> or the N-value. | In the first column under "N," search <br> for the number 35. (See Figure 1 <br> below.) |
| 6. | Using the specific row with the N-value, copy the numbers <br> found in the columns labeled s1-s18 into the "Sampling <br> Reference Number" column in the Pupil Sampling <br> Worksheet. | According to the table, write out <br> $2,5,8,10,13,16,17,18,19$, <br> $20,21,24,25,27,28,29,32$, and 34 <br> into the Pupil Sampling Worksheet. |
| 7. | Go down the row of students counting again and pointing <br> out the children whose number is indicated by the sampling <br> sheet. As you come to one of the sampled students, ask <br> them to take two steps forward. Write down the names of <br> the $17^{\text {th }}$ and $18^{\text {th }}$ selected students. | Ask the $2^{\text {nd }}, 55^{\text {th }}, 8^{\text {th }}, 10^{\text {th }}, 13^{\text {th }}, 16^{\text {th }}, 17^{\text {th }}, 20^{\text {th }}, 21^{\text {st }}, 24^{\text {th }}, 25^{\text {th }}, 27^{\text {th }}, 28^{\text {th }}$, <br> $29^{\text {th }}, 32^{\text {nd }}$, and $34^{\text {th }}$ child to take 2 steps <br> forward. <br> Then you are finished with this phase! |
| 8. | Have the first 16 selected students sit back in their regular <br> seats. |  |

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Figure 1: How to sample students using the pupil sample table if there are a total of 35 P3 pupils

| $\mathbf{N}$ | $\mathbf{s 1}$ | $\mathbf{s 2}$ | $\mathbf{s 3}$ | $\mathbf{s 4}$ | $\mathbf{s 5}$ | $\mathbf{s 6}$ | $\mathbf{s 7}$ | $\mathbf{s 8}$ | $\mathbf{s 9}$ | $\mathbf{s 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{s 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{s 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{s 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{s 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{s 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{s 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{s 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{s 1 8}$ |
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| $\mathbf{3 2}$ | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 17 | 18 | 20 | 23 | 25 | 27 | 31 |
| $\mathbf{3 3}$ | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 23 | 24 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 30 |
| $\mathbf{3 4}$ | 1 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 19 | 21 | 23 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 32 | 34 |
| $\mathbf{3 5}$ | 2 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 13 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 24 | 25 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 32 | 34 |
| $\mathbf{3 6}$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 19 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 25 | 28 |
| $\mathbf{3 7}$ | 2 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 15 | 17 | 20 | 23 | 24 | 27 | 28 | 30 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 36 |
| $\mathbf{3 8}$ | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 12 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 27 | 29 | 34 | 35 | 36 |

