

Using Descriptive Language

For each vague phrase below, write a specific example of the phrase in clear, behavioral terms.

VAGUE PHRASE

BEHAVIORAL EXAMPLE

1. Has poor peer relations

2. Lacks supervision

3. Is uncooperative

4. Parents inappropriately

5. Neglects child

6. Fails to protect

7. Has poor self-esteem

BONUS PHRASE

8. Identify a vague phrase used in your agency

Converting Vague, Imprecise Language

Please provide a clearer, more precise example of each of the following phrases.

Also decide if the phrase you write is an Objective (**O**) or an Activity (**A**).

VAGUE PHRASE	CONVERTED EXAMPLE	<input type="radio"/>	O	<input type="radio"/>	A
Mr. Walker will be involved with his child.		<input type="radio"/>	O	<input type="radio"/>	A
Mrs. Graef will discipline her children appropriately.		<input type="radio"/>	O	<input type="radio"/>	A
Mr. Donner needs to go to counseling.		<input type="radio"/>	O	<input type="radio"/>	A
The worker will provide services as needed.		<input type="radio"/>	O	<input type="radio"/>	A
Mr. Chan needs to find an apartment.		<input type="radio"/>	O	<input type="radio"/>	A
Ms. White will learn about child care in her neighborhood.		<input type="radio"/>	O	<input type="radio"/>	A
The worker will help Mrs. Baker as appropriate.		<input type="radio"/>	O	<input type="radio"/>	A
Mrs. Quill will not drink.		<input type="radio"/>	O	<input type="radio"/>	A
Mr. Johnson will understand good parenting.		<input type="radio"/>	O	<input type="radio"/>	A
Mr. Lopez needs to improve his temper.		<input type="radio"/>	O	<input type="radio"/>	A