

UNIT #4



Supervision of Children

Children should never be left alone. Learn how to supervise children at your child care center.

- Know and count the children.
- Know where to stand in the room.
- Work as a team with other caregivers.

■ Today's activity...

Carry a small notepad and pencil around for a day. Note the times when you count the children in your care and what was going on when you counted. When you review your notes, ask yourself these questions:

- Did I count the children whenever we moved from one area to another, including outside?
- Did I count the children when I entered the room and did I give the count to the other staff member when I left the room?
- Did I compare my number with the sign-in sheet and another staff member's count?
- Did I miss other times during the day when children might have counted?

■ Today's assignment...

"Room Awareness" is very important to supervising young children. Carefully look at the room arrangement on the next page and answer the questions below.

1. Imagine you are the only staff member for eight children. Mark an "X" to indicate the best place for you to supervise the children during free play time. Explain why you chose this place.

2. Now imagine you are two adults caring for fifteen children. Mark two "Xs" (one "X" for you and the second "X" for the additional adult) to indicate where you both should be in order to supervise this group of children. Explain why you chose these places.

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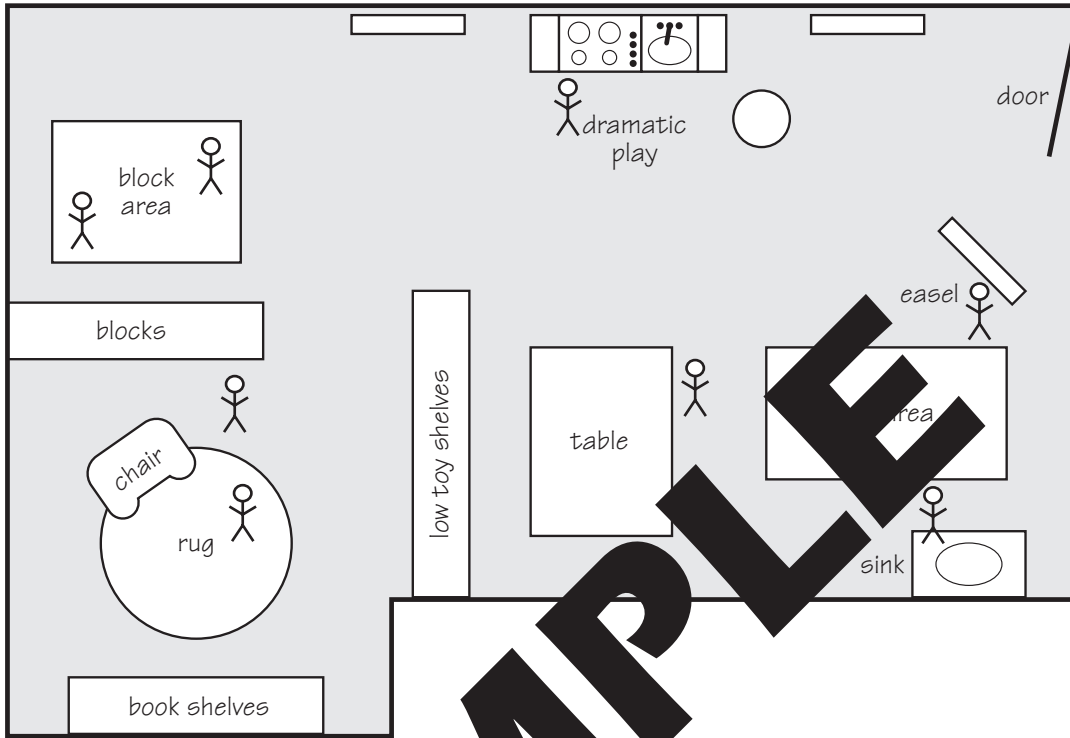
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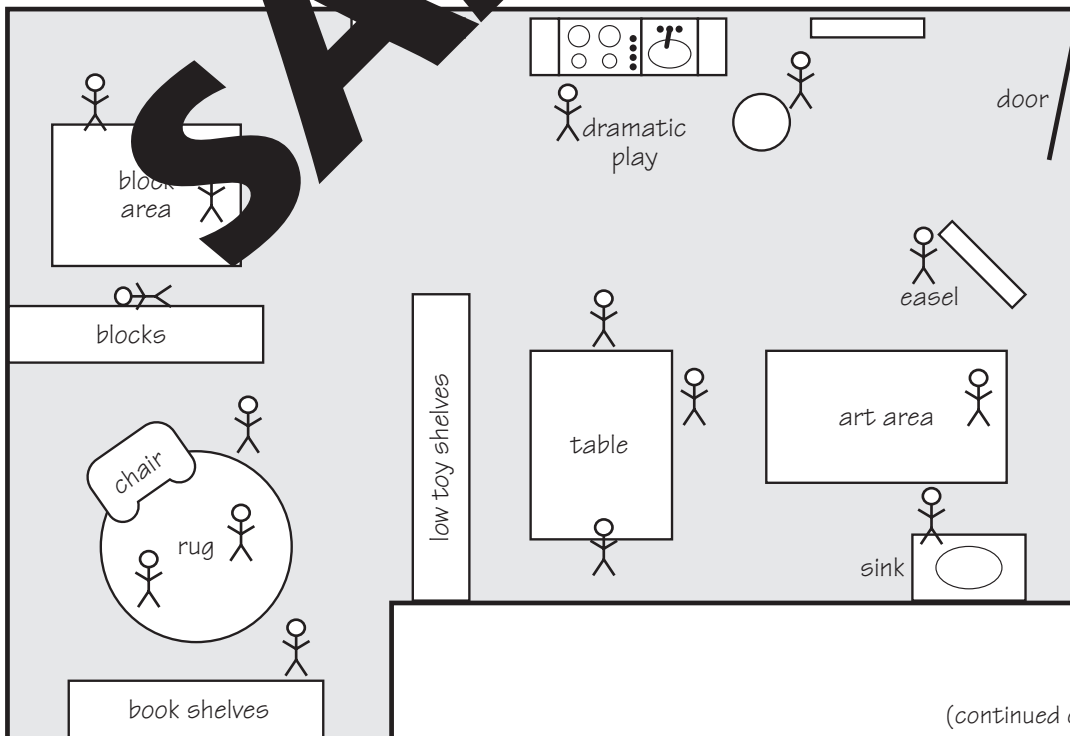
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Notes or questions I have:

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