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**FIGURE 1.2 • Planning for Observations Template Example for Grade 1**

<p><b>Lesson Objective:</b> Students will compare a pair of two-digit numbers based on meanings of the tens and ones digits, recording their comparisons using the symbols <math>&gt;</math>, <math>=</math>, and <math>&lt;</math>, and create orally presented story problems involving the comparison of two-digit numbers. Consider the following as you plan such a lesson.</p>	
<p>What will you expect to observe?</p>  <p>Source: iStock.com/Elvinagraph</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will work together in small groups as they compare two-digit whole numbers. (Note: Google Slides will be randomly presented. Students will respond on work mats.)</li> <li>• Students, working in groups of three, will use handfuls of counters to compare the number of counters in each of two groups.</li> <li>• Students will work individually to compare amounts of counters and also compare numbers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Your Thinking:</b> What else might you anticipate observing, particularly given <i>your</i> class and <i>your</i> students?</p>
<p>How will you know “it” if you see it?</p>  <p>Source: iStock.com/VectorCookies</p>	<p>You will see and hear students sharing comments about whether a number is greater than, equal to, or less than another number (e.g., 34 is greater than 21).</p> <p>You will see and hear students use the <math>&lt;</math>, <math>=</math>, and <math>&gt;</math> symbols as they compare the two-digit numbers (e.g., <math>42 &gt; 34</math>).</p> <p>You will hear students create their own story problems involving comparing numbers.</p> <p><b>Your Thinking:</b> What other “its” might you see and/or hear?</p>
<p>What particular strengths or challenges might you observe?</p>  <p>Source: iStock.com/Brownfalcon</p>	<p><b>Strength:</b> Students successfully use counters and the <math>&lt;</math>, <math>=</math>, and <math>&gt;</math> symbols to compare two-digit numbers. Students create and verbalize story problems involving the comparison of two-digit whole numbers.</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Students have difficulty comparing two-digit numbers beyond a certain number (e.g., they’re challenged comparing numbers greater than 50 or comparing numbers closer to 100). Students are unsure when stating a comparison and using the symbols (e.g., is it <math>34 &lt; 40</math> or <math>40 &gt; 34</math>?).</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Confusion or partial understanding—students seem unable to determine the meaning and use of the <math>&lt;</math>, <math>=</math>, and <math>&gt;</math> symbols.</p> <p><b>Strength and Challenge:</b> Students are more comfortable using counters as they compare numbers.</p> <p><b>Your Thinking:</b> What particular strengths or possible challenges have you seen/experienced that may occur?</p>
<p>How will you record and provide feedback of what you observe?</p>  <p>Source: iStock.com/Rifai Ozil</p>	<p>Consider the examples of the individual student, small-group, and class observation tools in Figures 1.6–1.9. You can access these tools for your own use at <a href="https://qrs.ly/wsetnzz">https://qrs.ly/wsetnzz</a>.</p> <p>Consider taking a picture of what you observe as a record of student performance.</p> <p>Consider an observed response that may require immediate (typically) oral feedback.</p> <p>Think about how <i>you</i> might provide feedback to your students using your responses to the Planning for Observations questions (Figure 1.1). Also, consider opportunities for student-to-teacher and student-to-student feedback.</p>