

Coding Family Examples

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Coding Family	Purpose	Example Codes for the Coding Family
Setting/Context Codes	To sort general information about the data (e.g. place, context, participants).	Home School Work Breakroom After school Before shift
Definition of the Situation Codes	To explain how the participant understands a situation	Summary of Event Definition of role Job description
Perspectives Held by Subjects Codes	To identify opinions	Complaints Fairness Compliments Problems Solutions
Process Codes	To identify sequences of events, or changes over time	Opening Routine Preparation Closing Time Clocking in Stages
Activity Codes	To identify regularly occurring behaviors	Ordering Laughing Cleaning Grading Class Trip Homework
Event Codes	To identify events that occur in the setting or in the lives of the subjects	Hiring Firing Name Change Rebrand
Strategy Codes	To identify tactics, methods, techniques, maneuvers in order to accomplish various things	Surviving Low Profile
Relationships or Social Structure Codes	To explain Relationships or organizational structure	Rank Manager Friend Partner Boss
Narrative Codes	To identify the structure of the communication	Slang/Jargon Contradiction of Narrative Confirmation of Narrative Omission of event
Method Codes	To identify units of the ethnography methods	Nervous Interviewee Observation error Withdrawal of consent Consent to interview