

Operant Conditioning Practice

Name Key

1. Identify the behavior and its consequence.
2. As a consequence of the behavior, is something added or removed/avoided?
3. Does the consequence strengthen or weaken the behavior?

		Does the consequence strengthen or weaken the behavior?	
		Strengthen (Reinforcement)	Weaken (Punishment)
As a consequence of the behavior, is something added or removed/avoided?	Added (Positive)	Positive Reinforcement	Positive Punishment
	Removed (Negative)	Negative Reinforcement	Negative Punishment

For each situation, fill out the chart, and then name the type of conditioning

1. The police stop drivers and give awards for safe driving. This is Positive Reinforcement

Behavior	Was something added or subtracted/removed from environment?	What was the consequence?	Was behavior strengthened or weakened?
<u>Safe driving</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Strengthened</u>

2. The coach removes a player for the game for committing a foul. This is Negative Punishment

Behavior	Was something added or subtracted/removed from environment?	What was the consequence?	Was behavior strengthened or weakened?
<u>Committing a foul</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>removed</u>	<u>Weakened</u>

3. Player makes an error and the teammate calls him a bad name. This is Positive Punishment

Behavior	Was something added or subtracted/removed from environment?	What was the consequence?	Was behavior strengthened or weakened?
<u>error</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>Bad Name</u>	<u>Weakened</u>

4. A suspect confesses to a crime which ends the interrogation. This is Negative Reinforcement

Behavior	Was something added or subtracted/removed from environment?	What was the consequence?	Was behavior strengthened or weakened?
<u>Confessing</u>	<u>Subtracted</u>	<u>Ends interr.</u>	<u>Strengthened</u>

5. Child cleans the room and parent stops nagging. This is Negative Reinforcement

4.

Behavior	Was something added or subtracted/removed from environment?	What was the consequence?	Was behavior strengthened or weakened?
Cleans Room	-	Stops Nagging	Strengthened

5. Older brother sits on you until you say he's smarter, then he moves Negative Reinforcement

You say he is smarter

Behavior	Was something added or subtracted/removed from environment?	What was the consequence?	Was behavior strengthened or weakened?
	-	He moves	Strengthened

6. After completing your homework you get your cell phone back. Positive Reinforcement

Complete HW

Behavior	Was something added or subtracted/removed from environment?	What was the consequence?	Was behavior strengthened or weakened?
	+	Get phone	Strengthens

7. When you buckle your seatbelt, the annoying beep stops in your car. Negative Reinforcement

Buckle Seat belt

Behavior	Was something added or subtracted/removed from environment?	What was the consequence?	Was behavior strengthened or weakened?
	-	Stops beep	Strengthened

8. After you rake the leaves in the yard, you receive a Justin Bieber CD. You rake the leaves less often in the future. This is Positive Punishment

Rake leaves

Behavior	Was something added or subtracted/removed from environment?	What was the consequence?	Was behavior strengthened or weakened?
	+	Receive CD	Weakened

9. Make up an example for other students to try: Write the question on the board and below, fill out the chart and give your answer.

Your example:

This is _____ conditioning.

Behavior	Was something added or subtracted/removed from environment?	What was the consequence?	Was behavior strengthened or weakened?