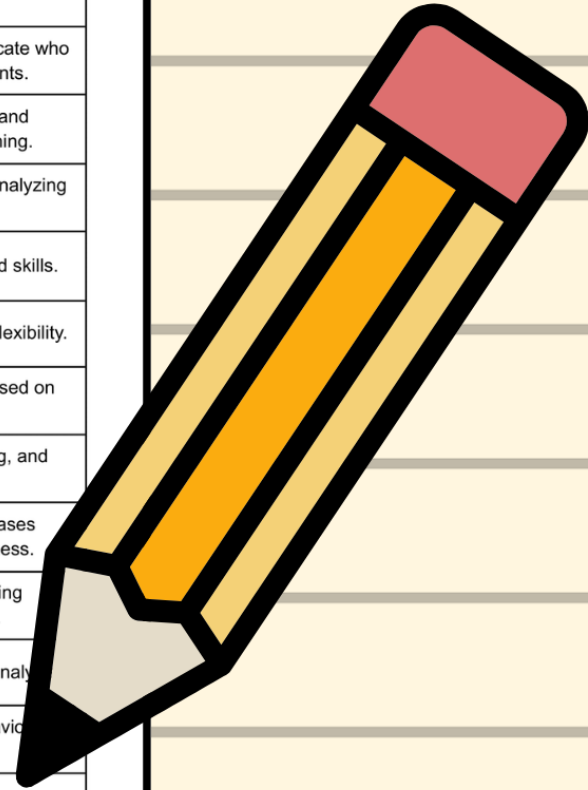


# ABA Acronyms

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ABC	Antecedent-Behavior-Consequence	A three-term contingency model for analyzing behavior events.
ABLLS-R	Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills - Revised ®	An assessment tool for language and skills.
ACT	Acceptance and Commitment Therapy	A therapy focusing on psychological flexibility.
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	US law prohibiting discrimination based on disability.
ADLs	Activities of Daily Living	Everyday tasks like eating, dressing, and bathing.
AO	Abolishing Operation	A motivating operation that decreases reinforcer and punisher effectiveness.
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder	A developmental disorder affecting communication and behavior.
BACB	Behavior Analyst Certification Board ®	Certifying organization for behavior analysts.
BAP	Behavior Action Plan	A plan for managing or changing behavior. Also: BIP and BSP.
BCaBA	Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst ®	Assistant-level certification in behavior analysis.
BCBA	Board Certified Behavior Analyst ®	Professional certification for behavior analysts.
BCBA-D	Board Certified Behavior Analyst – Doctoral ®	Doctoral-level BCBA certification.
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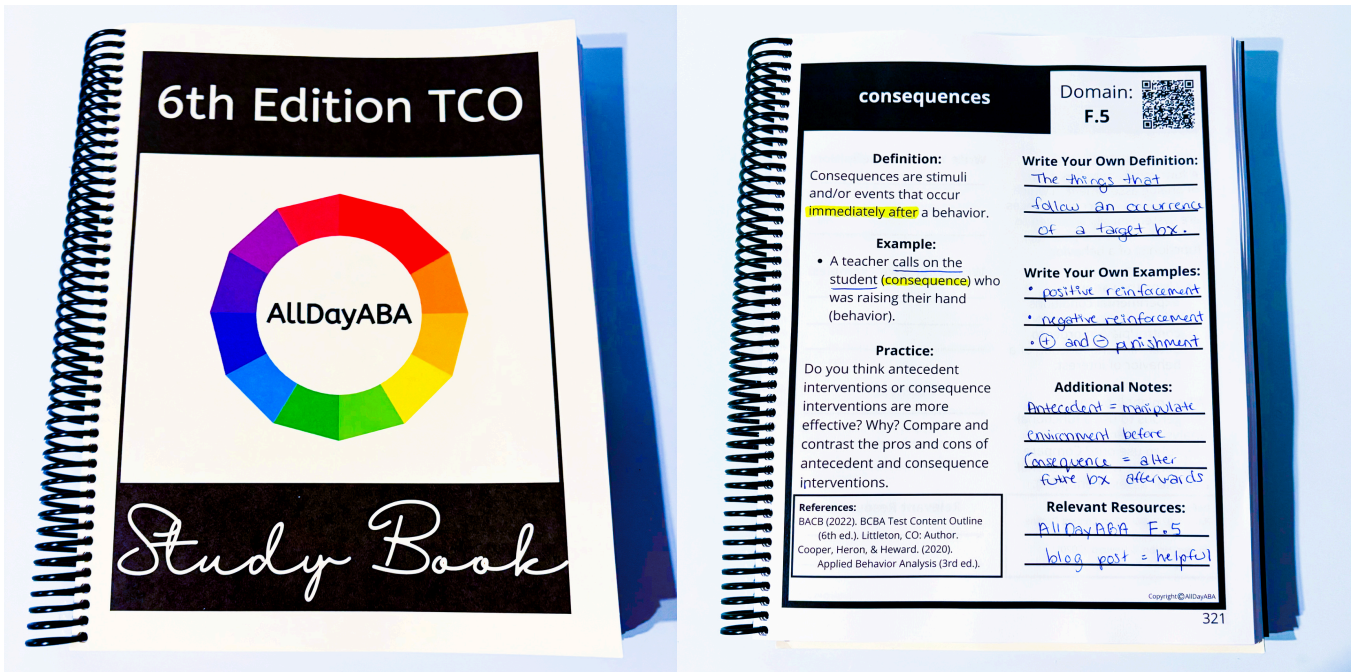


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BSP	Behavior Support Plan	A plan designed to improve behavior. See also: BAP and BIP.
BT	Behavior Technician	A professional who implements ABA plans. Does not have to be certified.
Bx	Behavior	Any action by a living thing that affects the environment in some way.
CBT	Cognitive Behavior Therapy	Therapy focusing on changing thought patterns to affect behavior.
CMO	Conditioned Motivating Operation	A learned motivating operation.
CMO-R	Reflexive Conditioned Motivating Operation	A CMO that signals worsening/improving conditions.
CMO-S	Surrogate Conditioned Motivating Operation	A CMO that is created when a stimulus is paired with an already established MO.
CMO-T	Transitive Conditioned Motivating Operation	A CMO that establishes the value of a stimulus.
CR	Conditioned Response	A learned response to a conditioned stimulus.
CRF	Continuous Reinforcement	Reinforcement given after every desired response.
CS	Conditioned Stimulus	A previously neutral stimulus that triggers a conditioned response.
DBT	Dialectical Behavior Therapy	Therapy focusing on emotion regulation and mindfulness.
DRA	Differential Reinforcement of Alternative Behavior	Reinforcing a functional alternative to target behavior.
DRD	Differential Reinforcement of Diminishing Rates	Reinforcing decreasing rates of behavior.
DRH	Differential Reinforcement of High Rates	Reinforcing higher rates of behavior if they meet a certain threshold.
DRI	Differential Reinforcement of Incompatible Behavior	Reinforcing behavior incompatible with a target behavior.
DRL	Differential Reinforcement of Low Rates	Reinforcing lower rates of behavior if they do not cross a determined limit.

DRO	Differential Reinforcement of Other Behavior	Reinforcing when problem behavior does not occur for a set period of time.
DT	Developmental Therapy / Therapist	Therapy focused on improving a child's global development (if there are delays).
DTT	Discrete Trial Training	Structured ABA teaching method that utilizes set trials to assess skills and behavior.
EBP	Evidence-Based Practice	Interventions supported by research and best clinical judgment.
EO	Establishing Operation	Motivating operation that increases the effectiveness of a reinforcer.
ESDM	Early Start Denver Model	Early intervention model for autism.
ESY	Extended School Year	Special education services beyond the regular school year.
FA	Functional Analysis	Experimental testing to identify function(s) of behavior.
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education	Educational rights of children with disabilities.
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment	Assessment to hypothesize a behavior's function(s) through ABC data and other observations or interviews.
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	Law protecting student education records.
FI	Fixed Interval	Reinforcement after a fixed interval period.
FR	Fixed Ratio	Reinforcement after a fixed number of responses.
FT	Fixed Time	Reinforcement given after a fixed amount of time regardless of behavior.
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	Law protecting health information privacy.
IADLs	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living	Complex daily tasks like shopping, cooking, and money management.
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	Federal law for special education rights.

IEP	Individualized Education Program	Customized education plan for students with disabilities.
IOA	Interobserver Agreement	Measure of reliability between observers.
IRT	Interresponse Time	Time between two of the same responses.
LAMP	Language Acquisition through Motor Planning	AAC approach emphasizing motor planning.
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	Educational setting that is as inclusive as possible.
MO	Motivating Operation	Environmental variable affecting reinforcement effectiveness.
NCR	Noncontingent Reinforcement	Providing reinforcement regardless of whether a behavior occurs or not.
NET	Natural Environment Training	Teaching and recording data in natural settings.
NS	Neutral Stimulus	A stimulus that initially does not elicit a response.
OBM	Organizational Behavior Management	ABA applied in workplace settings.
OT	Occupational Therapy / Therapist	Therapy helping with daily living, sensory needs, and motor skills.
PBS	Positive Behavior Support	Proactive approach to behavior management.
PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System ®	AAC system using picture exchanges.
PRT	Pivotal Response Training	Play-based ABA intervention focusing on pivotal skills.
PSI	Personalized System of Instruction	Self-paced teaching system.
PT	Physical Therapy / Therapist	Therapy focusing on movement and physical function.
RBT	Registered Behavior Technician ®	A certification in ABA for behavior technicians who have completed appropriate coursework and evaluation.
RFT	Relational Frame Theory	Theory underlying language and cognition in ABA.
RTI	Response to Intervention	Early intervention and progress monitoring method in education.

Rx	Reinforcement	A consequence that increases behavior.
SΔ	Stimulus Delta	Stimulus signaling reinforcement is not available.
SD	Discriminative Stimulus	Stimulus signaling reinforcement is available.
SIB	Self-Injurious Behavior	Behavior causing harm to oneself.
SLP	Speech-Language Pathologist	Professional treating speech, communication, and/or swallowing disorders.
SGD	Speech-Generating Device	Electronic AAC device that produces speech.
ST	Speech Therapy	Therapy to improve speech, communication, cognition, etc.
UMO	Unconditioned Motivating Operation	Motivating operation that is not learned (e.g. hunger).
UR	Unconditioned Response	Natural, unlearned response to a stimulus.
US	Unconditioned Stimulus	Stimulus that naturally / instinctually elicits a response.
VB	Verbal Behavior	Behavior that is mediated through another person (especially language).
VB-MAPP	Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program	Assessment for language and social skills.
VI	Variable Interval	Reinforcement after varying time intervals.
VR	Variable Ratio	Reinforcement after a varying number of responses.
VT	Variable Time	Reinforcement given at varying time intervals regardless of behavior.

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