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Definition:

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- analytic
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- conceptually systematic
- effective
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- positive reinforcement (pages 18, 30)
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behavioral:

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Examples:

- Studying safety behaviors to help keep children safe
- Researching ways to increase behaviors related to independence and bodily autonomy

Practice:

Describe how this dimension might relate to social validity, culture, and other topics.

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Examples:

- A research study includes an operational definition of the target behavior.
- An ABA professional makes sure not to include explanatory fictions in the behavior plan.

Practice:

Operationally define a behavior that you do every day and then provide a non-behavioral definition of the same behavior.

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Example:

- Analyzing data to see whether the independent variable consistently and reliably effected the dependent variable

Practice:

Discuss how visual analysis can determine whether a functional relationship exists in different types of research designs.

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Example:

- A research study has included a methods section that provides enough information for other individuals to replicate the study.

Practice:

Use laymen's terms to describe an intervention and then see if another person is able to understand it fully.

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Example:

- A behavior analyst uses praise as positive reinforcement in a study. The analyst relates the intervention to other studies that support its use.

Practice:

Identify one intervention that you currently use or have previously used and describe the principles related to it.

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Example:

- A task analysis helps an individual to increase showering independence to the point that they no longer need assistance.

Practice:

Create a hypothetical scenario in which a behavior changes but the change is not enough to be socially important.

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Example:

- A sleep intervention in a study helps a baby to sleep through the night and the baby still sleeps through the night months later after the study concludes.

Practice:

Describe some ways in which behavior analysts can determine whether or not generalization has occurred.

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Example:

- Pavlov paired the sound of a bell with the presentation of food until the sound of the bell made the dogs salivate.

Practice:

What type of ethical considerations need to be made when research is done with respondent conditioning?

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Examples:

- A tutor uses iPad breaks to reinforce a student's on-task behaviors.
- Kids often learn not to touch hot stoves after feeling pain from doing it.

Practice:

Compare and contrast respondent conditioning and operant conditioning. Do you think one is better than the other?

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Positive reinforcement involves the addition of a stimulus which increases the likelihood that a behavior will occur again in the future.

Examples:

- A person provides treats to their dog after urinating outside to increase the behavior.
- I feel good when I drink coffee, so I am more likely to drink it again in the future.

Practice:

Create your own graphic or other material that could be used to teach someone about reinforcement and punishment.

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Negative reinforcement involves the removal of a stimulus which increases the likelihood that a behavior will occur again in the future.

Example:

- You take headache medicine to reduce a headache. It works. In the future, you are more likely to take the medicine again.

Practice:

What roles do you think positive and negative reinforcement play in behaviors involved in addiction?

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