

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT TEACHING NET

One of the common misconceptions of ABA therapy is that it is done at a table using methods such as Discrete Trial Training (DTT) which involves mass trialing and occurs in a structured environment with minimal distractions. In today's world however, Natural Environment Teaching is one of the more commonly used methods to teach behavior

INCORPORATES A NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



Teaching is incorporated into play activities using familiar toys, games, and materials while maximizing the learner's motivation to continue the activity or access more materials.

FUNCTIONAL FOR LEARNERS



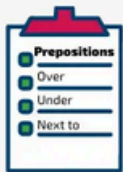
Memorizing responses isn't helpful if the knowledge doesn't functionally apply to a learner's day-to-day environment.

EXAMPLE:



A BT might ask how a doll can sit at a table. If the child chooses a chair, they've shown they understand the function of a chair.

FUN & NATURALLY REINFORCING



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Play time can be used to practice a variety of skills in a way that can be more engaging and effective than sitting at a desk with a worksheet.

FIND A REINFORCER



If a child struggles with engaging in play segments, external motivators can be used for reinforcement after it is completed.

EXAMPLE:



External motivators can include: stickers, bubbles, or access to an iPad.

WHAT IS IT?

A scientifically proven teaching method which allows ABA practitioners to incorporate the learner's natural environment into the teaching, development, and generalization of skills. Teaching is incorporated into play activities using familiar toys, games, and materials to maximize the learner's motivation to continue the activity.

