

Operant Conditioning—Summary of Terms

Use the following terms to fill in the blanks.

positive reinforcement

omission training

punishment

negative reinforcement

- _____ 1. Which term refers to a behavior followed by an unpleasant consequence?
- OMISSION Training 2. Which term refers to a behavior followed by the loss of a pleasant consequence?
- _____ 3. Which term refers to a behavior followed by a pleasant consequence?
- _____ 4. Which term refers to a behavior followed by the loss of an unpleasant consequence?
- OMISSION Training 5. Which two terms result in a behavior being less likely to happen again?
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- _____ 6. Which two terms result in a behavior being more likely to happen again?
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- OMISSION Training 7. Two student computer hackers used their time in the school computer lab to break into the administrative network and change their report card grades to straight A's. When the administration traced the problem to the time and computer station used by those particular students, they were not allowed to use the school computers for the rest of the year. Which operant conditioning term applies to this consequence?
- _____ 8. Two children in an elementary school started a food fight in the cafeteria. The assistant principal had them mop the cafeteria floor for a week as a result. Which operant conditioning term applies to their consequence?
- _____ 9. A junior in high school performed on a stage for the first time in a drama production. Her performance resulted in loud applause and a standing ovation when she came from behind the curtain to bow at the end of the performance. Which operant conditioning term applies to this consequence?
- _____ 10. A senior in high school took the SAT two extra times to try to avoid receiving a rejection letter from the last of a series of universities to which he had applied. Which operant conditioning term applies to his action in trying to avoid another rejection letter?