

Guided Reading Activity

Learning: Principles and Applications

Lesson 2 *Operant Conditioning*

Review Questions: Identifying Supporting Details

Directions: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

Main Idea A: Voluntary behavior is influenced by its consequences.

- Detail:** In _____ conditioning stimuli work independent of a participant's behavior, while in _____ conditioning the participant must engage in behavior for a stimulus to work.
- Detail:** Offering a reward is an example of _____ reinforcement, and taking something away is an example of _____ reinforcement.
- Detail:** A(n) _____ reinforcer, such as food, satisfies a biological need; a(n) _____ reinforcer, such as money, is one that acquires value.
- Detail:** Behavior that is reinforced on a(n) _____ schedule tends to recur only when the reinforcement is given, while behavior that is reinforced on a(n) _____ schedule tends to persist even when the reinforcement is not given.
- Detail:** With a(n) _____ schedule a set number of responses is needed to receive reinforcement, while with a(n) _____ schedule the number is unpredictable.

Main Idea B: Complex processes as well as simple behaviors can be conditioned.

- Detail:** The process of teaching new responses based on old responses is called _____.
- Detail:** A(n) _____ is a set of responses that form a sequence.
- Detail:** A sequence of responses that is repeated over and over again forms a(n) _____.

Main Idea C: Behavior can be conditioned through the use of unpleasant stimuli.

- Detail:** Negative reinforcers are designed to _____ the frequency of a behavior.
- Detail:** With _____ conditioning, a person's behavior causes an unpleasant stimulus to stop, while with _____ conditioning, a person's behavior prevents an unpleasant stimulus.
- Detail:** Punishers are designed to _____ the frequency of a behavior.
- Detail:** Punishment alone is not enough, but should be accompanied by _____.

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Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

What types of operant conditioning methods might be used to teach a dog a complex trick?
