3.8 / Operant Conditioning



Name _____ Date _____

1 Make the connection.

Explain each concept in your own words. Add a brief example that shows why it fits.

Positive reinforcement

Negative reinforcement

Positive punishment

Negative punishment

2 Build the explanation.

Two independent questions. Build the consequence map.

Choose from the pieces below. Some do not belong. Write a letter in each position and explain the connection.

A. Positive reinforcement

B. Positive punishment

C. Negative reinforcement

D. Negative always means bad

E. Negative punishment

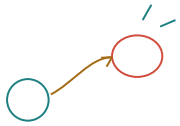
Added + behavior increases - Piece: _____

Removed + behavior increases - Piece: _____

Added + behavior decreases - Piece: _____

Removed + behavior decreases - Piece: _____

Use the idea. Explain the connection.



3 Choose, then explain.

1. A virtual learner repeats an unrelated gesture after a coincidental reward. Which concept fits?

A. Conservation

B. Spontaneous recovery

C. Superstitious behavior

My choice: _____ Why it fits:

2. A fictional organism exposed to uncontrollable aversive outcomes later fails to try an available escape. Which concept is illustrated?

A. Learned helplessness

B. Positive reinforcement by definition

C. A safe classroom experiment to reenact

My choice: _____ Why it fits:

4 Bring it together.

What two questions classify a consequence?

One idea I corrected: _____

One question I still have: _____