

**Learning**

**Guided Reading**

**Section 2**

**READING THE SECTION**

**DIRECTIONS** Read the definitions below. In the space provided, write the letter of the term that matches each definition.

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| <p>_____ 1. process by which a stimulus increases the chances that a behavior will occur again</p> <p>_____ 2. method of teaching complex behaviors in which one first reinforces small steps</p> <p>_____ 3. the relationship in quantity, amount, or size between two things</p> <p>_____ 4. stimuli that increase the frequency of a behavior that they follow</p> <p>_____ 5. method of learning in which each step of a sequence leads to another step until the final action is achieved</p> | <p>a. shaping</p> <p>b. ratio</p> <p>c. positive reinforcers</p> <p>d. chaining</p> <p>e. reinforcement</p> |
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**DIRECTIONS** On the line provided before each statement, write **T** if a statement is true and **F** if a statement is false. If the statement is false, write the correct term on the line after each sentence that makes the sentence a true statement.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Rewarding a mouse every time it presses a particular button is an example of partial reinforcement.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Examples of secondary behavior reinforcers include food and warmth.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The schedule of reinforcement outlines how often a behavior is reinforced.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Negative reinforcers are intended to stop unwanted behavior from occurring.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Reinforcement can include both rewards and punishments.
- \_\_\_\_\_

**POST-READING QUICK CHECK**

**DIRECTIONS** Read each sentence and fill in the blank with the correct word or phrase.

11. \_\_\_\_\_ conditioning is a type of learning in which people and animals learn to behave in certain ways because of the results of what they do.  
**(Operant/Positive)**
12. Money and social status are considered \_\_\_\_\_ reinforcers because their values must be learned. **(primary/secondary)**
13. Being allowed to visit a friend because you have completed all of your chores is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ reinforcement. **(negative/positive)**
14. A process such as riding a bicycle can be learned as a series of steps that build on each other, a process known as \_\_\_\_\_. **(chaining/shaping)**
15. Rewarding a behavior every fifth time it occurs is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ reinforcement. **(continuous/partial)**

**DIRECTIONS** In your own words, write the definition of each term.

16. reward: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. reinforcement: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. ratio: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. punishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. primary reinforcer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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