

Operant Conditioning Worksheet #1

Identify as positive reinforcement, negative reinforcement, positive punishment, or negative punishment.

1. A student is given a detention for being late to class.
2. Bobby gets his Nintendo taken away for 1 week because he said a swear word.
3. Billy's mom nags Billy to clean his room; once he cleans it, mom stops nagging.
4. Jane gets \$20 for every A she gets on her report card.
5. Jimmy skips a class; as a result, the school takes away Jimmy's off-campus privileges.
6. Jeff's dad gives him candy for cleaning up his toys.
7. Sarah is given a time out for throwing food at the dinner table.
8. Sarah is also not given her customary after-dinner dessert after dinner for throwing food.
9. A rat is shocked by the experimenter until it presses the lever in the Skinner Box. Once the rat presses the lever, the shock is turned off.
10. Nicky has a headache. She takes an Advil, and the headache goes away.