

Unit 2 Topic 2.2

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Activity: Media Operant conditioning

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- understand operant conditioning and consider how it might explain criminal behaviour.

A Using the two links below, complete the activities that follow.

Video 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSHJbJK9TI>

Video 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuQvCxxsa5Ns>

1. What type of learning is operant conditioning?

2. Using the link below, complete the chart with the examples from the two videos.

	Stimulus presented	Stimulus removed
Behaviour increases	Positive reinforcement Example video 1: Example video 2:	Negative reinforcement Example video 1: Example video 2:
Behaviour decreases	Positive punishment Example video 1: Example video 2:	Negative punishment Example video 1: Example video 2:

Using video 2.

3. How was positive reinforcement demonstrated in the Skinner box?
4. How was negative reinforcement demonstrated in the Skinner box?

B. Explain how Skinner's work on operant conditioning might help us to understand why some people commit crime.