

PsychSim 5: OPERANT CONDITIONING**Name:** _____ **Section:** _____**Date:** _____

This activity describes a form of learning called operant conditioning—learning from the consequences that follow our actions.

Classical Versus Operant Conditioning

- What is the distinction between classical and operant conditioning?

Reinforcement and Punishment

- What effect does reinforcement have on behavior?

- Give an example of positive reinforcement.

- Give an example of negative reinforcement.

- What effect does punishment have on behavior?

- Give an example of punishment.

Continuous Versus Partial Reinforcement

- If a subject comes to expect a reward after every response, what will happen if the reinforcement stops?

Schedules of Reinforcement

- Define the following schedules of reinforcement and give an everyday example of each:
 - o Fixed ratio

 - o Fixed interval

 - o Variable ratio

 - o Variable interval

Simulated Experiment: Schedules of Reinforcement

- Which schedule of reinforcement is MOST resistant to extinction? Why do you think this is so?