

Questions about Behavioral Function (QABF)

Paclawskyj et al (2000)

Rate how often the student demonstrates the behaviors in situations where they might occur. Be sure to rate how often each behavior occurs, not what you think a good answer would be.

X = Doesn't Apply 0 = Never 1 = Rarely 2 = Some 3 = Often

Score	Number	Behavior
	1.	Engages in the behavior to get attention.
	2.	Engages in the behavior to escape work or learning situations.
	3.	Engages in the behavior as a form of "self-stimulation."
	4.	Engages in the behavior because he/she is in pain.
	5.	Engages in the behavior to get access to items such as preferred toys, food, or beverages.
	6.	Engages in the behavior because he/she likes to be reprimanded.
	7.	Engages in the behavior when asked to do something (get dressed, brush teeth, work, etc.)
	8.	Engages in the behavior even if he/she thinks no one is in the room.
	9.	Engages in the behavior more frequently when he/she is ill.
	10.	Engages in the behavior when you take something away from him/her.
	11.	Engages in the behavior to draw attention to him/herself.
	12.	Engages in the behavior when he/she does not want to do something.
	13.	Engages in the behavior because there is nothing else to do.
	14.	Engages in the behavior when there is something bothering him/her physically.
	15.	Engages in the behavior when you have something that he/she wants.
	16.	Engages in the behavior to try to get a reaction from you.
	17.	Engages in the behavior to try to get people to leave him/her alone.
	18.	Engages in the behavior in a highly repetitive manner, ignoring his/her surroundings.
	19.	Engages in the behavior because he/she is physically uncomfortable.
	20.	Engages in the behavior when a peer has something that he/she wants.
	21.	Does he/she seem to be saying, "come see me" or "look at me" when engaging in the behavior?
	22.	Does he/she seem to be saying, "leave me alone" or "stop asking me to do this" when engaging in the behavior?
	23.	Does he/she seem to enjoy the behavior, even if no one is around?
	24.	Does the behavior seem to indicate to you that he/she is not feeling well?
	25.	Does he/she seem to be saying, "give me that (toy, food, item)" when engaging in the behavior?

Attention		Escape		Non-Social		Physical		Tangible	
1. Attention		2. Escape		3. Self-stim		4. In pain		5. Access to items	
6. Reprimand		7. Do something		8. Thinks alone		9. When ill		10. Takes away	
11. Draws		12. Not do		13. Nothing to do		14. Physical problem		15. You have	
16. Reaction		17. Alone		18. Repetitive		19. Uncomfortable		20. Peer has	
21. "Come see"		22. "Leave alone"		23. Enjoy by self		24. Not feeling well		25. "Give me that"	

QABF Scoring

Attention

1. Engages in the behavior to get attention.
6. Engages in the behavior because he/she likes to be reprimanded.
11. Engages in the behavior to draw attention to him/herself.
16. Engages in the behavior to try to get a reaction from you.
21. Does he/she seem to be saying "come see me" or "look at me" when engaging in the behavior?

Escape

2. Engages in the behavior to escape work or learning situations.
7. Engages in the behavior when asked to do something (brush teeth, work, etc.)
12. Engages in the behavior when he/she does not want to do something.
17. Engages in the behavior to try to get people to leave him/her alone.
22. Does he/she seem to be saying "leave me alone" or "stop asking me to do this" when engaging in the behavior?

Non-social

3. Engages in the behavior as a form of "self-stimulation".
8. Engages in the behavior even if he/she thinks no one is in the room.
13. Engages in the behavior because there is nothing else to do.
18. Engages in the behavior in a highly repetitive manner, ignoring his/her surroundings.
23. Does he/she seem to enjoy the behavior, even if no one is around?

Physical

4. Engages in the behavior because he/she is in pain.
9. Engages in the behavior more frequently when he/she is ill.
14. Engages in the behavior when there is something bothering him/her physically.
19. Engages in the behavior because he/she is physically uncomfortable.
24. Does the behavior seem to indicate to you that he/she is not feeling well?

Tangible

5. Engages in the behavior to get access to items such as preferred toys, food or beverages.
10. Engages in the behavior when you take something away from him/her.
15. Engages in the behavior when you have something he/she wants.
20. Engages in the behavior when a peer has something he/she wants.
25. Does he/she seem to be saying "give me that (toy, item, food)" when engaging in the behavior?

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12	12	12	12	12
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9	9	9	9	9
8	8	8	8	8
7	7	7	7	7
6	6	6	6	6
5	5	5	5	5
4	4	4	4	4
3	3	3	3	3
2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	0

Attention

1. attention
6. reprimand
11. draws
16. reaction
21. "come see"

Escape

2. escape
7. do something
12. not do
17. alone
22. "leave alone"

Non-social

3. self-stim
8. thinks alone
13. nothing to do
18. repetitive
23. enjoy by self

Physical

4. in pain
9. when ill
14. physical problem
19. uncomfortable
24. not feel well

Tangible

5. access to items
10. take away
15. you have
20. peer has
25. "give me that"

