

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 himself/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 11.Draws 16.Reaction 21. "Come see"		7.Do something 12.Not do 17.Alone 22. "Leave alone"		8.Thinks alone 13.Nothing to do 18.Repetitive 23.Enjoy by self		9.When ill 14.Physical problem 19.Uncomfortable 24.Not Feeling well		10.Takes away 15.You have 20.Peer has 25. "Give me that"	
Total		Total		Total		Total		Total	

• 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 himself/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

Engages in the behavior to escape work or learning situations.

- 7. Engages in the behavior when asked to do something (get dressed, 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

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

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

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 that he/she wants.
- 20. Engages in the behavior when a peer has something that he/she wants.
- 25. Does he/she seem to be saying, “give me that (toy, food, item)” when engaging in the behavior?

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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
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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.take away
11.draws	12.not do	13.nothing to do	14.physical prob	15.you have
16.reaction	16.reaction	18.repetitive	19.uncomfortable	20.peers has
21. "come see"	22. "leave alone"	23.enjoy by self	24.not feel well	25. "give me that"