

QABF

Questions About Behavioral Function
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Student: _____
Target Behavior: _____

Staff: _____
Date: _____

****One behavior per form****

Rate each question on the following scale. Scoring on second page.

X	0	1	2	3
Does not apply	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often

- ___ 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 (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 her/him physically.
- ___ 15. Engages in the behavior when you have something 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 this/her surroundings.
- ___ 19. Engages in the behavior because she/he is physically uncomfortable.
- ___ 20. Engages in the behavior when a peer has something 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, item, food)” when engaging in the behavior?

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 this/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 her/him physically.
19. Engages in the behavior because she/he 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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14	14	14	14	14
13	13	13	13	13
12	12	12	12	12
11	11	11	11	11
10	10	10	10	10
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	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. take away
11. draws	12. not do	13. nothing to do	14. physical prob	15. you have
16. reaction	17. alone	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”