

## Operant Conditioning Worksheet

**Instructions:** For each scenario below, identify the type of operant conditioning being used: positive reinforcement (PR), negative reinforcement (NR), positive punishment (PP), or negative punishment (NP).

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A woman watching a football game offers her child candy to play quietly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. At a party, you become angry when your significant other flirts with another person.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Employee of the month gets a reserved parking space.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A child is put in a chair facing the corner for misbehaving.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. A mother smiles when her child utters "Mama."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. A child receives \$5 for earning good grades in school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. A professor gives extra credit to students with perfect attendance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. A rat that is being shocked presses a lever to terminate the shock
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. A child's parents finally give in to his complaining in the grocery store, and buy him a candy bar
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. A prisoner loses TV privileges for one week for a rule violation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Scolding a child for playing in the street.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. A child receives a spanking for biting her brother.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Not allowing a teenager to attend a planned sleep-over after discovering a candy bar she had stolen from the store.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. A student is dropped from all courses after cheating on a test.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15a. A parent puts a quarter in a child's piggy bank for each "nice or helpful" gesture the child performs and removes a quarter for each "mean or selfish" gesture the child performs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15b