

FBA

MODULE 1 BASIC PRINCIPLES PART 1

**BEHAVIOR IS INFLUENCED BY ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORICAL VARIABLES.
IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE AND CHANGEABLE.**

WHAT IS APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA)?

“A science devoted to understanding and improving human behavior”

(Cooper et al., 2020, p. 2)

WORLDVIEW

“We hold to the philosophy that individuals are always right, which does not mean that we always like or approve of what they do, but rather that their behavior is determined by their reinforcement history and current circumstances, as well as their genetic endowment.”

(Schlinger Jr. & Normand, 2025, p. 15)

BEHAVIOR

“We define behavior quite broadly to include anything an individual does when interacting with the physical environment”

(Fisher et al., 2021).

BEHAVIOR AND ENVIRONMENT

Behavior doesn't happen in isolation. It occurs in context and changes because of its interaction with the environment.

BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS ASK DIFFERENT QUESTIONS

COMMON QUESTION

Why is she stubborn?
He isn't motivated.
He doesn't care.

BEHAVIORAL QUESTION

Under what conditions does refusal occur?
What variables affect motivation?
What consequences maintain the behavior?

THE THREE-TERM CONTINGENCY

A

ANTECEDENT

What occurs before the behavior

B

BEHAVIOR

Behavior of interest

C

CONSEQUENCE

What occurs after the behavior

**Scan the QR Code to enroll in our
Foundations of FBA course!**



**STUDENTS DON'T WALK INTO CLASSROOMS AS BLANK SLATES.
EVERY LEARNER HAS A LEARNING HISTORY.**