

Differential reinforcement of other behavior An instrumental conditioning procedure in which a positive reinforcer is periodically delivered, but only if the participant fails to perform a particular response. Abbreviated DRO.

Discriminative punishment A type of punishment procedure in which responses are punished in the presence of a particular stimulus but not when that stimulus is absent.

Negative reinforcement An instrumental conditioning procedure in which there is a negative contingency between the instrumental response and an aversive stimulus. If the instrumental response is performed, the aversive stimulus is terminated or prevented from occurring; if the instrumental response is not performed, the aversive stimulus is presented.

Punishment A type of instrumental conditioning procedure in which occurrence of the instrumental response results in delivery of an aversive stimulus.

Time-out A period during which the opportunity to obtain reinforcement is removed. This may involve removal of the participant from the situation where reinforcers may be obtained.