

# Non-Verbal Prompts

Non-verbal social reinforcements include prompts such as:

- Applause
- Pointing
- Facial expressions
  - Smiling
  - Head nod
- Physical contact
  - Affectionate/approving touches
  - Pats, kisses
  - Hand holding.

Social reinforcements are typically going to strengthen behaviors.

Non-social reinforcements do not involve an interaction with other people.

Picking tomatoes from a garden or obtaining snacks/drink from a vending machine are examples of non-social reinforcements.

A non-verbal prompt occurs when you respond to any form of advertising designed to get you to buy products or services.

External aids that prompt behavior include:

- Label drawers
- Universal symbols to mark restroom doors
- Calendars.

Individuals commonly use postal notes as prompts to manage their personal behavior. Marking dates and times for an appointment on a calendar/day planner also act as prompts to attend a future meeting or appointment.

Manipulation of consequences of behavior include:

- Shaping
- Extinction
- Aversive control

Behavior can be controlled by a stimulus control or precursor stimuli. An example is a traffic light:

- A yellow light alerts the driver to slow down in preparation to stop.
- The red light indicates the driver MUST stop.
- A green light signals the driver to start to move or to continue to move through the intersection.

As a driver, you make a decision on how to response depending upon which light of the signal is lit.

Give two examples of how you would use non-verbal prompts with a skater during a lesson.