

SCHEDULES OF REINFORCEMENT - PRACTICE

DIRECTIONS: *After reading the examples below, choose the option listed at the bottom that it is an example of.*

1. VR You go to Atlantic City and play the slot machines. Sometimes you win money after putting in 3 quarters, sometimes after 15 quarters, sometimes after putting in 7.
2. _____ You get a paycheck every Tuesday.
3. _____ A psychologist gives a rat a food pellet each time it pushes a lever in its cage.
4. _____ You go fishing in the Chesapeake Bay every weekend. Sometimes it takes 1 hour to catch a fish, sometimes 15 minutes, sometimes 45 minutes.
5. _____ A college student's mother sends her a box of fudge every Thursday.
6. _____ George works in a factory putting fenders on cars. He gets paid \$100 for every 4 fenders he finishes.
7. _____ Michael's mother gives him an M & M for each toy he puts away in his toy box.
8. _____ Teri collects empty soda cans. The recycling center gives her \$1 for every 30 cans.
9. _____ Tom delivers newspapers in her neighborhood. Sometimes Mrs. Lewis pays her for 2 weeks at a time, sometimes she pays for 1 week, and sometimes she pays for a month.
10. _____ You start playing the lottery. You win \$10 the first time you play. You play 12 more times before you win again.

Choices:

Variable Ratio (VR): Unpredictable number of responses (behaviors) are required before reinforcement can be obtained

Fixed Ratio (FR): Specific number of responses (behaviors) is required before reinforcement can be obtained

Variable Interval (VI): Changing amounts of time must elapse before a response will obtain reinforcement

Fixed Interval (FI): A specific amount of time must elapse before a response will elicit reinforcement