

J. R. Tucker School AP Terms List

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"Here's my famous AP list of terms that are a must if a student is to do well on the National AP Exam... the students should have them down cold. They're a great review at the end of the year in preparation for the Exam. I've been teaching psychology and AP psychology since the time of Freud and I swear this list is part of the reason my kids do so well on the AP exam... This list is continually updated."

- 1 Aaron Beck's view of depression
- 2 absolute threshold
- 3 achievement vs. aptitude tests
- 4 action vs. resting potential
- 5 acuity-vision
- 6 Ainsworth Strange Situation (Paradigm)
- 7 Albert Bandura: major view on learning and Bobo Doll experiment
- 8 Albert Ellis - Rational Emotive Therapy (RET)
- 9 Alfred Adler - inferiority complex
- 10 all-or-nothing law (all-or-none) of neural firing
- 11 altruism
- 12 American Psychological Association (APA)
- 13 amnesia (anterograde & retrograde)
- 14 apparent motion
- 15 arousal
- 16 Asch's conformity study (line segments)
- 17 attachment
- 18 attribution theory
- 19 aversive conditioning (good or bad?)
- 20 aversive conditions
- 21 Babinsky response
- 22 behavior as being adaptive
- 23 bell curve (normal distribution)
- 24 Benjamin Worf's theory of linguistic relativism (determinism)

- 25 binocular disparity
- 26 blind spot
- 27 blood brain barrier
- 28 brain: what part do we share with animals? How do we differ?
- 29 brainstorming
- 30 Broca's aphasia (expressive) located in left frontal lobe
- 31 bystander intervention: factors that influence it
- 32 Cannon's critique of James-Lange theory
- 33 Carl Rogers: person (client) centered therapy
- 34 Carol Gilligan's critique of Kohlberg's theory
- 35 chaining
- 36 character disorders : major ones
- 37 chunking
- 38 classical conditioning (& can you distinguish it from operantl conditioning)
- 39 Clever Hans experiment
- 40 cognitive dissonance
- 41 color blindness: kinds
- 42 complementary colors
- 43 conflicts: four kinds
- 44 control group
- 45 correlation coefficients
- 46 cortexes of the brain : major ones
- 47 cross cultural studies
- 48 cross sectional studies

- 49 crystallized intelligence: acquired and usually does not decline with age
- 50 CS-CR-UCS-UCR
- 51 Daniel Goleman's views on emotional intelligence
- 52 David McClelland's achievement motivation studies
- 53 defense mechanisms: major ones
- 54 deindividuation
- 55 deinstitutionalization
- 56 dendrite (purpose of)
- 57 depression: tricyclic antidepressants are most widely used to treat it
- 58 descriptive vs. inferential statistics
- 59 determinism
- 60 developmental psychology
- 61 Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (purpose and limits)
- 62 difference threshold (jnd)
- 63 discrimination (in learning theory and race relations)
- 64 displacement
- 65 dissociative disorders
- 66 dominant responses (aided by social facilitation)
- 67 Down's syndrome
- 68 dream analysis
- 69 drives
- 70 Ebbinghaus' research on memory
- 71 echoic memory
- 72 effects of marijuana
- 73 eidetic memory
- 74 electroconvulsive shock therapy
- 75 Elizabeth Loftus' research on eyewitness testimony
- 76 endocrine organs and hormones secreted by them
- 77 endorphins
- 78 engram
- 79 episodic memory (a.k.a. flashbulb)
- 80 equity theory of relationships
- 81 Erik Erikson's stages of psychosocial development
- 82 ethics of testing
- 83 experiment: be able to design one

- 84 false consensus effect
- 85 feature (signal) detector cells: Hubel & Wiesel's research on visual processing
- 86 feature analysis
- 87 feral children
- 88 fetal alcohol syndrome: characteristics
- 89 figure - ground - phenomenon
- 90 foot-in-the-door phenomenon
- 91 formal operations
- 92 fovea
- 93 Francis Galton's research
- 94 free association
- 95 frequency polygon
- 96 Freudian dream analysis: two levels of interpretation
- 97 Freud's stage of psychosexual development
- 98 frustration-aggression hypothesis
- 99 functional fixedness
- 100 fundamental attribution error
- 101 galvanic skin response (GRS)
- 102 ganglia
- 103 Gansfeld Procedure
- 104 Gate Control Theory of Pain
- 105 generalizability of a study
- 106 genotype & phenotype

- 107 Gestalt theory
- 108 glial cells
- 109 group therapy (advantages of)
- 110 groupthink
- 111 gustatory sense: detects only sweet, sour, salty, bitter
- 112 habituation
- 113 Hans Seyle's General Adaptation Response
- 114 Harry Harlow's research with surrogate mothers
- 115 Hawthorne Effect
- 116 heuristics: major types
- 117 hierarchy of needs (Maslow) can you put them in order?
- 118 high vs. low self-monitors
- 119 hindsight bias
- 120 histogram
- 121 homeostasis
- 122 Howard Gardner's view of multiple intelligence
- 123 hue: (British term for color)
- 124 hybrid
- 125 hypnosis: major theories of
- 126 hypothalamus
- 127 id, ego, superego
- 128 IDEAL (strategy for solving problems)
- 129 identical twin research
- 130 identification vs. internalization (Freudian terms)
- 131 illusory correlation
- 132 imaging techniques: PET, CAT, MRI, FMRI
- 133 imprinting
- 134 incentives
- 135 independent/dependent variables
- 136 induced motion
- 137 inductive vs. deductive reasoning
- 138 industrial (organizational) psychology
- 139 ingroup and outgroup bias
- 140 inner ear - vestibular sense

- 141 instinct
- 142 instrumental - operant conditioning
- 143 Intelligence Quotient (I.Q.)
- 144 intelligence tests (major kinds used)
- 145 interference (proactive vs. retroactive)
- 146 internal consistency reliability
- 147 internalization
- 148 James-Lange theory of emotions
- 149 John Garcia's ideas on the limits of conditioning
- 150 just-world phenomenon
- 151 Karen Horney's views on development
- 152 kinesthetics
- 153 Kohlberg's stages of moral reasoning
- 154 Kubler Ross' stages of dying
- 155 L-dopa
- 156 learning curve
- 157 limbic system: structures and function
- 158 linear perspective
- 159 linkage analysis
- 160 lithium (bi-polar disorders)
- 161 localization of sound (how is it done? Why are two ears needed?)
- 162 long term potentiation
- 163 longitudinal study
- 164 loss of information from short term memory

165 major neurotransmitters
166 Martin Seligman's "learned helplessness"
167 measures of central tendency: mean, median, mode
168 measures of variability: range and standard deviation
169 memory: kinds (sensory, short-term, long-term)
170 mental age
171 mental set
172 metacognition
173 method of loci
174 milieu therapy
175 Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI) Test: use for what?
176 misinformation effect
177 modeling
178 monocular vs. binocular depth cues
179 motion aftereffect
180 motion parallax
181 myelin sheath: where and purpose?
182 narcissism
183 nature vs. nurture controversy
184 nervous system: major parts
185 neuron: three basic parts
186 neurotransmitters: major kinds
187 newborn baby reflexes
188 next-in-line-effect
189 normative social influence
190 norms
191 novelty preference
192 obesity (role of hypothalamus)
193 Obsessive Compulsive Disorders (OCD)
194 occipital lobe
195 Oedipal conflict
196 one eye problem - what you couldn't do well if you had only one eye
197 operationalizing a definition
198 opponent-process theory of emotions

199 opponent-process theory of visual processing (afterimages)
200 optic disc
201 optic nerve
202 pancreas
203 panic attacks (& what's the best treatment?)
204 paradoxical sleep: why is REM called this?
205 paresis
206 perceptual constancy (size,color,shape)
207 perceptual set
208 personal space
209 perspectives in psychology (major ones)
210 phenylketonuria (PKU)
211 phi phenomenon
212 phonemes vs. morphemes
213 photoreceptors
214 Piaget's stages of cognitive development
215 pineal gland (function and what makes it unique?)
216 pitch
217 pituitary gland
218 plasticity
219 positive reinforcement

- 220 post traumatic stress disorder
- 221 Premack principle
- 222 primacy effect
- 223 projective tests: TAT & Rorschach
- 224 prosocial behavior: what is it and give an example
- 225 proximity (effects on relationships)
- 226 prototype
- 227 punishment: why it may not be effective and might backfire
- 228 Rational Emotive Therapy
- 229 reality principle (function of ego)
- 230 recessive vs. dominant genes
- 231 reflex arc
- 232 reliability vs. validity in testing
- 233 REM sleep
- 234 repression
- 235 reticular formation: related to sleep, arousal, attention
- 236 retinal disparity (a.k.a. binocular disparity)
- 237 Robert Rescorla's findings on conditioning
- 238 rods and cones (structures & differences)
- 239 rooting reflex
- 240 sample
- 241 scatterplot: most often used to plot correlations
- 242 schedules of reinforcement (5 kinds - which are most effective?)
- 243 schema
- 244 schizophrenia
- 245 selective attention
- 246 self-efficacy
- 247 self-fulfilling prophecy

- 248 self-serving bias
- 249 semantic memory
- 250 serial position effect
- 251 set point
- 252 sexual characteristics (primary vs. secondary)
- 253 sexual identity vs. gender identity
- 254 shaping
- 255 signal detection theory
- 256 sleep disorders: major kinds
- 257 sleeper effect
- 258 social cognitive theory
- 259 social exchange theory
- 260 social facilitation
- 261 social loafing
- 262 social trap
- 263 somatoform disorders: major kinds
- 264 somatosensory cortex: location and used for what sense?
- 265 stages of learning (acquisition, extinction, spontaneous recovery, etc.)

266 standard deviation
267 Stanley Milgram's experiment with obedience
268 Stanley Schachter's Two Factor Theory
269 stereotype
270 stimulus generalization
271 stranger anxiety
272 systematic desensitization: a.k.a. a kind of counterconditioning
273 Tay-Sachs disease
274 testable hypothesis
275 thalamus (& what sense doesn't get routed through here?)
276 Thorndike's Law of Effect
277 thyroid gland
278 token economy
279 Tourette's syndrome
280 tragedy of the commons
281 transduction
282 Turner's syndrome (X with missing chromosome)
283 validity: different kinds
284 vestibular sense
285 visual cliff
286 water balance (role of hypothalamus)
287 Weber's law
288 Wernicke's aphasia (receptive) located in left temporal lobe
289 Wilder Penfield's research on the brain
290 Wilhelm Wundt (structuralism)
291 William James (functionalism)
292 Yerkes/Dodson Arousal Law
293 Zajonc's "Mere Exposure Effect"
294 Zimbardo's prison experiment
