

Descriptions and Examples of Antecedent-Based intervention Strategies

Intervention strategy	Description	Functions addressed	Examples
Using learner preferences	Tasks/activities are modified to increase interest	Escape/avoid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporating dinosaurs into a finger painting activity • Using a Spiderman notebook for journal entries
Altering the environment	Routines and schedules are changed to decrease interfering behaviors	Escape/avoid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing seating • Changing line-up procedures • Providing activities during wait time • Providing snack after nonpreferred activity • Providing sufficient space between students • Clearly marking areas of the classroom (e.g., work, leisure) • Providing study carrels • Providing a kitchen timer during nonpreferred tasks
Implementing pre-activity interventions	Intervention is implemented before a task associated with the interfering behavior	Escape/avoid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a warning about an upcoming activity • Going over an assignment before class starts • Providing information about schedule changes • Using activity schedules
Using choice-making	Choice of materials or tasks is offered during activities or settings where the interfering behavior occurs.	Escape/avoid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choosing where to sit at snack • Choosing which activity to complete first • Choosing which toy to play with during free play • Choosing whether to write with a pencil or a pen
Altering how instruction is delivered	Instruction is modified so that learner clearly understands what is expected.	Escape/avoid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing written rather than verbal instructions • Providing instructions in a checklist rather than paragraph
Enriching the environment	Providing access to appropriate behaviors (rocking chair)	Get/obtain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing quiet play with clay or doodling during lectures • Allowing chewing gum instead of playing with saliva