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# **UNDERSTANDING APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS**

**AN INTRODUCTION  
TO ABA FOR  
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Having laid these important foundations, Kearney touches on more complex topics: the applications of ABA in behavioral education, such as accuracy teaching and programmed instruction. This introductory guide to ABA demystifies the basic terminology, the underlying concepts, and commonly-used methods of ABA using accessible, everyday language. He looks at how behavior is assessed and different intervention techniques that are frequently employed with children who have autism and other particular needs.'- British Journal of Social Work

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is founded on the premise that behavior could be influenced by changes in environment and by the reinforcing consequences of that behavior. It is easy to read, factually right, scientifically rigorous, rather than too long (116 pages, including index). Albert J. Kearney explains the kinds of learning and reinforcement procedures that form the foundation of ABA programs. Having covered these essential principles, he describes the way the science of behavior analysis could be successfully applied to true to life behavior problems. I appreciated reading it and I will be recommending it to my college students. Understanding used behaviour analysis is definitely a book that I have been waiting for, for a long time. Clear, available, and with a structure that's easy-to-follow, this book is an important introduction to the discipline of ABA and its own applications for parents and professionals.



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Obviously Written Introduction to ABA for Parents, ABA Therapists and Educators This is an extremely helpful, clearly written book. If you're a parent of a kid recently diagnosed with Autism, I believe that might be this book useful in providing a synopsis of what ABA is definitely and is not. AWESOME! I'm glad it's part of my library and I found it clear to see. The parents I've recommended it to really enjoy it and my copy has been conspicuous absent for quite sometime. Great for Explaining the fundamentals I teach young learners who are on the autism spectrum and was looking for a book I could recommend to parents who are being flooded with new information, jargon and concepts. This reserve has been ideal for that. There's lots of new terminology for those simply encountering ABA which book helps to describe those terms and how they connect to one another and how they'll hook up to the what you will see in your child's plan. Many of the students I work with have new diagnosis or are not used to the school system therefore giving parents usage of the terminology and jargon teachers, doctors, therapists and so many other people are using can really help them to advocate because of their children. Five Stars Good insight Two Stars Not helpful. Five Stars a great book for understanding principles that a behavior analysis would use Is good unless you know anything about behavioral therapy Is good unless you know anything about behavioral therapy, nonetheless it offers some theoretical errors and is as well basic. Very Brief This is a very easy, quick read that covers the fundamentals of Applied Behavior Analysis. I think this is a great resource and makes a solid starting off point. For ABA therapists, it's an excellent beginning reference book. GREAT! For what it really is, it should be at most half the cost of a full length book. Great purchase, quickly delivered and highly beneficial! We are pursuing my BCBA and this book is an excellent guideline for beginning the basics. Five Stars Great book to greatly help understand the essentials for those not used to the field. I believe it could also help with those pesky classroom administration problems with students who do not have IEPs. However, at around 100 pages it is hardly a normal "book" length.! It is more like an extended informational pamphlet. That's not to say that it's not useful, just overpriced for what it really is. There is no reason that they must be expected to go into huge amounts of depth, but this kind of information could actually empower them. We also don't think it would hurt for regular education teachers who may use learners who are on the spectrum to have information about ABA. Two Stars boring



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