

## **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 (anteriograde & 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 operant 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 cortices 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 & Wisel'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 Expose Effect"
- 294 Zimbardo's prison experiment