Vocab to Study for AP Psychology

Aaron Beck's view of depression
Absolute threshold
Achievement vs. aptitude tests
Action vs. resting potential
Acuity-vision
Afferent Neurons vs. Efferent Neurons
Agonist vs. antagonist chemicals
Ainsworth Strange Situation (Paradigm)
Albert Bandura: major view on learning and
Bobo Doll experiment
Albert Ellis - Rational Emotive Therapy
(RET)
Alfred Adler - inferiority complex
Algorithm
All-or-nothing law (all-or-none) of neural
firing
Altruism
American Psychological Association (APA)
Amnesia (anteriograde & retrograde)
Androgyny
Apparent motion
Arousal
Asch's conformity study (line segments)
Attachment
Attribution theory
Aversive conditioning (good or bad?)
Aversive conditions
Babinsky response
Behavior as being adaptive
Bell curve (normal distribution)
Benjamin Worf's theory of linguistic
relativism (determinism)
Binocular disparity
Blind spot
Blood brain barrier
Brain: Lobes/What part do we share with
animals? How do we differ?
Brainstorming
Broca's aphasia (expressive) located in left
frontal lobe
Bystander intervention: factors that influence
it
Catharsis
Cannon's critique of James-Lange theory
Carl Rogers: person (client) centered
therapy
Carol Gilligan's critique of Kohlberg's
theory Chaining
Character disorders: major ones
Chunking
Classical conditioning (& can you distinguish
it from operant conditioning)
Clever Hans experiment
Cognitive dissonance
Color blindness: kinds
Complementary colors
Conflicts: four kinds
Control group
Cooper's research on visual processing
(using cats)
Correlation coefficients
Cortices of the brain: major ones
Cross-cultural studies
Cross sectional studies
Crystallized intelligence: acquired and
usually does not decline with age
CS-CR-UCS-UCR
Daniel Goleman's views on emotional
intelligence
David McClelland's achievement
motivation studies
Defense mechanisms: major ones
Deindividuation
Deinstitutionalization
Dendrite (purpose of)
Depression: tricyclic antidepressants are
most widely used to treat it
Descriptive vs. inferential statistics
Determinism
Developmental psychology
Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental
Disorders (purpose and limits)
Difference threshold (jnd)
Discrimination (in learning theory and race
relations)
Displacement
Dissociative disorders
Divergent vs. convergent thinking
Dominant responses (aided by social
facilitation)
Down's syndrome
Dream analysis
Drives
Ebbinghaus' research on memory
Echoic memory
Effects of marijuana
Eidetic memory
Electroconvulsive shock therapy
Elizabeth Loftus' research on eyewitness
testimony
Endocrine organs and hormones secreted
by them
Endorphins
Engram
Episodic memory (a.k.a. flashbulb)
Equity theory of relationships
Erik Erikson's stages of psychosocial development
Ethics of testing
Ethnocentrism
Expectancy theory (aka mental set)
Experiment: be able to design one
False consensus effect
Feature (signal) detector cells: Hubel & Wisel's research on visual processing
Feature analysis
Feral children
Fetal alcohol syndrome: characteristics
Figure - ground - phenomenon
Flynn effect
Foot-in-the-door phenomenon
Formal operations
Fovea
Francis Galton's research
Free association
Frequency polygon
Freudian dream analysis: two levels of interpretation
Freud's stage of psychosexual development
Frustration-agression hypothesis
Functional fixedness
Fundamental attribution error
Galvanic skin response (GRS)
Glial cells
Gansfeld Procedure
Gate Control Theory of Pain
Generalizability of a study
Genotype & phenotype
Gestalt theory
Habituation
Hans Seyle's General Adaptation
Response Haptic memory
Harry Harlow's research with surrogate mothers
Hawthorne Effect
Heuristics: major types
Hierarchy of needs (Maslow) can you put them in order?
High vs. low self-monitors
Hindsight bias
Histogram
Homeostasis
Howard Gardner's view of multiple intelligence
Hue: (British term for color)
Hybrid
Hypnosis: major theories of
Hypothalamus
Id, ego, superego
IDEAL (strategy for solving problems)
Identical twin research
Identification vs. internalization (Freudian terms)
Illusory correlation
Imaging techniques: PET, CAT, MRI, and FMRI
Imprinting
Incentives
Independent/dependent variables
Induced motion
Inductive vs. deductive reasoning
Industrial (organizational) psychology
Ingroup and outgroup bias
Inner ear - vestibular sense
Instinct
Instrumental - operant conditioning
Intelligence Quotient (I.Q.)
Intelligence tests (major kinds used)
Interference (proactive vs. retroactive)
Internal consistency reliability
Internalization
Intrinsic vs. extrinsic motivation
James-Lange theory of emotions
John Garcia's ideas on the limits of conditioning
Just-world phenomenon
Karen Horney's views on development
Kinesthetics
Kohlberg's stages of moral reasoning
Kubler Ross' stages of dying
L-dopa
Learning curve
Limbic system: structures and function
Linear perspective
Linkage analysis
Lithium (bi-polar disorders)
Localization of sound (how is it done? Why are two ears needed?)
Long-term potentiation
Longitudinal study
Loss of information from short-term memory
Major neurotransmitters
Martin Seligman's "learned helplessness"
Measures of central tendency: mean, median, and mode
Measures of variability: range and standard deviation
Memory: kinds (sensory, short-term, long-term)
Mental age
Mental set
Metacognition
Method of loci
Method of loci
Milieu therapy
Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI) Test: use for what?
Misinformation effect
Modeling
Monocular vs. binocular depth cues
Motion aftereffect
Motion parallax
Myelin sheath: where and purpose?
Narcissism
Nature vs. nurture controversy
Nervous system: major parts
Neuron: three basic parts
Neurotransmitters: major kinds
Newborn baby reflexes
Next-in-line-effect
Normative social influence
Norms
Novelty preference
Obesity (role of hypothalamus)
Obsessive Compulsive Disorders (OCD)
Occipital lobe
Oedipal conflict
One eye problem - what you couldn't do well if you had only one eye
Operationalizing a definition
Opponent-process theory of emotions
Opponent-process theory of visual processing (afterimages)
Optic disc
Optic nerve
Optimistic Explanatory Style
Pancreas
Panic attacks (& what's the best treatment?)
Paradoxical sleep: why is REM called this? Paresis
Perceptual constancy (size, color, shape)
Perceptual set
Personal space
Perspectives in psychology (major ones)
Phenylketonuria (PKU)
Phi phenomenon
Phonemes vs. morphemes
Photoreceptors
Piaget's stages of cognitive development
Pineal gland (function and what makes it unique?)
Pitch
Pituitary gland
Plasticity
Positive and negative symptoms (in mental disorders)
Positive reinforcement
Posttraumatic stress disorder
Premack principle
Primacy effect
Primary vs. secondary reinforcers
Projective tests: TAT & Rorschach
Prosocial behavior: what is it and give an example
Proximity (effects on relationships)
Prototype
Punishment: why it may not be effective and might backfire
Rational Emotive Therapy
Reality principle (function of ego)
Recessive vs. dominant genes
Reflex arc
Reliability vs. validity in testing
REM sleep
Repression
Reticular formation: related to sleep, arousal, and attention
Retinal disparity (a.k.a. binocular disparity)
Robert Rescorla's findings on conditioning
Rods and cones (structures & differences)
Rooting reflex
Sample
Scatterplot: most often used to plot correlations
Schedules of reinforcement (5 kinds - which are most effective?)
Schema
Schizophrenia
Selective attention
Self-efficacy
Self-fulfilling prophecy
Self-serving bias
Semantic memory
Serial position effect
Set point
Sexual characteristics (primary vs. secondary)
Sexual identity vs. gender identity
Shaping
Signal detection theory
Sleep disorders: major kinds
Sleeper effect
Social cognitive theory
Social exchange theory
Social facilitation
Social loafing
Social trap
Somatoform disorders: major kinds
Somatosensory cortex: location and used for what sense?
Stages of learning (acquisition, extinction, spontaneous recovery, etc.)
Standard deviation
Stanley Milgram’s experiment with obedience
Stanley Schachter’s Two Factor Theory
Stereotype
Stimulus generalization
Stranger anxiety
Syllogism
Systematic desensitization: a.k.a. a kind of counterconditioning
Tay-Sachs disease
Testable hypothesis
Thalamus (& what sense doesn't get routed through here?)
Thorndike’s Law of Effect
Thyroid gland
Tip-of-the-tongue effect
Token economy
Tourette’s syndrome
Tragedy of the commons
Transduction
Turner’s syndrome (X with missing chromosome)
Two kinds of deafness: Conductive and nerve
Validity: different kinds
Vestibular sense
Visual cliff
Water balance (role of hypothalamus)
Weber’s law
Wernicke’s aphasia (receptive) located in left temporal lobe
Wilder Penfield’s research on the brain
Wilhelm Wundt (structuralism)
William James (functionalism)
Yerkes/Dodson Arousal Law
Zajonc’s “Mere Expose Effect”
Zimbardo’s prison experiment

Other Stuff:

Psychological Disorders: Types, names, symptoms, treatments, etc…

Nervous System: Parts, functions, etc…

Limbic System

Senses

Stress

Other names:

B.F. Skinner
John Watson
Jean Piaget
Lev Vygotsky
Gordon Allport
Sigmund Freud
Carl Jung (archetypes, collective unconscious)
Noam Chomsky

Charles Darwin
Hans Eysenck
G. Stanley Hall
Ivan Pavlov

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