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Unit 6: Learning Hour\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Learning in *A Christmas Story*

Flagpole Scene

1. In what way is Flick sticking his tongue on the flagpole an example of negative reinforcement?

2. Assume that Flick will never stick his tongue on a flagpole again. Is this positive punishment or negative punishment? Explain your answer.

3. Assume that Ralphie and the other children will not stick their tongues on flagpoles in the future either. Why is this observational learning and not operant conditioning? What type of observational learning is this?

4. Ralphie and the other children leave Flick at the flagpole because “the bell rang.” What type of stimulus is the bell in this situation?

Scut Farkas Scene

5. When Ralphie, Randy, Flick, and Schwartz hear Scut Farkas’ laugh, they experience fear. Complete the diagram below for this example of classical conditioning.

Unconditioned Stimulus Unconditioned Response

Conditioned Stimulus Conditioned Response

Is this an example of discrimination or generalization? Explain.

6. How is Schwartz’s behavior of saying “Uncle!” being negatively reinforced?

7. How is Scut Farkas’ behavior of forcing Schwartz to say “Uncle!” being positively reinforced?

Flat Tire, “Fudge,” and Soap Scenes

8. From whom did Ralphie learn profanity? What type of learning is this?

9. Assume that Ralphie swears less in the presence of his parents because of 1) having soap put in his mouth and 2) having to go to bed early without being able to read his comic books. Which one is positive punishment and which one is negative punishment? Explain your answers.

10. Why is Ralphie’s description of how Lux, Palmolive, and Lifebuoy bar-soap brands taste an example of discrimination?

Extra

11. List below any possible examples of learning in this movie not mentioned above.