

# aba functional communication training

## ABA Functional Communication Training: A Comprehensive Guide

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### Introduction:

ABA functional communication training (FCT) is a powerful evidence-based intervention used to reduce challenging behaviors by teaching individuals more appropriate and functional communication skills. This approach, rooted in the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA), focuses on identifying the

function of a challenging behavior—what the individual is trying to communicate—and then teaching a replacement behavior that serves the same function. This article will explore various methodologies and approaches within aba functional communication training, providing a comprehensive understanding of this effective intervention.

### Understanding the Function of Behavior:

Before implementing aba functional communication training, a thorough functional behavior assessment (FBA) is crucial. This process involves systematically identifying the antecedents (events preceding the behavior), the behavior itself, and the consequences (events following the behavior). Common functions of challenging behaviors include:

**Escape/Avoidance:** The behavior allows the individual to escape or avoid a task, activity, or social interaction they find aversive.

**Attention:** The behavior results in receiving attention from others, even if it's negative attention.

**Access to Tangibles:** The behavior allows the individual to gain access to desired items or activities.

**Sensory Stimulation:** The behavior provides self-stimulatory sensory input.

Understanding the function is paramount because FCT aims to teach a replacement behavior that achieves the same function in a socially acceptable way.

### Methodologies in ABA Functional Communication Training:

Several methodologies are employed within aba functional communication training, often tailored to the individual's needs and the function of their challenging behavior. These include:

1. **Functional Communication Training (FCT) with Positive Reinforcement:** This is the core of aba functional communication training. It involves identifying the function of the challenging behavior and teaching a communicative response (e.g., requesting, manding, using a picture exchange

system (PECS)) that serves the same function. Positive reinforcement is then consistently delivered when the individual uses the replacement behavior. For example, if a child screams to escape a task, FCT would involve teaching them to verbally request a break or use a visual cue to signal their need for a break. Providing a break when they use the replacement behavior reinforces its use.

1. Differential Reinforcement of Alternative Behavior (DRA): DRA is a specific type of positive reinforcement within aba functional communication training. It involves reinforcing a desirable alternative behavior while withholding reinforcement for the challenging behavior. This method directly contrasts the challenging behavior with the appropriate communication skill. For instance, if a child hits to get attention, DRA would involve reinforcing them for asking for attention using words or gestures while ignoring the hitting behavior.
1. Differential Reinforcement of Incompatible Behavior (DRI): DRI is similar to DRA, but it focuses on reinforcing a behavior that is physically incompatible with the challenging behavior. For example, if a child engages in self-injurious behavior (SIB), DRI might involve reinforcing them for keeping their hands clasped or engaged in a preferred activity that prevents SIB.
1. Extinction: In some cases, aba functional communication training may involve extinction, which involves consistently withholding reinforcement for the challenging behavior. However, extinction should only be used in conjunction with teaching a replacement behavior, as it can temporarily

increase the challenging behavior before it decreases. This should always be implemented with a comprehensive behavior support plan and careful monitoring.

1. Antecedent Interventions: Modifying the environment or antecedents that trigger challenging behaviors can significantly reduce their occurrence. This might involve altering the task demands, providing choices, using visual schedules, or proactively teaching skills to prevent problem situations from arising. Antecedent interventions are an integral part of a comprehensive aba functional communication training plan, preventing challenging behaviors before they occur.
  
1. PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System): PECS is a widely used augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) system often incorporated into aba functional communication training. It involves using pictures to represent wants and needs, enabling individuals to communicate more effectively. PECS is particularly beneficial for individuals who have difficulty with verbal communication.
  
1. Verbal Behavior (VB): VB is a specific approach within ABA that focuses on teaching language as a functional behavior. It's heavily integrated into aba functional communication training, especially when targeting verbal communication skills as replacement behaviors. VB targets different verbal operants like mands (requests), tacts (labels), and intraverbals (conversational skills) to build functional communication repertoires.

## Developing an Effective FCT Intervention:

Developing an effective aba functional communication training plan requires careful consideration of several factors:

**Comprehensive FBA:** A thorough functional behavior assessment is the cornerstone of any successful intervention.

**Selecting a Replacement Behavior:** The chosen replacement behavior should serve the same function as the challenging behavior and be easily achievable for the individual.

**Reinforcement Strategies:** Effective reinforcement is crucial for successful learning. The type and schedule of reinforcement should be tailored to the individual's preferences and learning style.

**Data Collection and Monitoring:** Regular data collection is essential to monitor progress, make adjustments, and demonstrate the effectiveness of the intervention.

**Generalization and Maintenance:** Ensuring that the learned skills generalize to different settings and are maintained over time is crucial for long-term success.

## Conclusion:

ABA functional communication training (FCT) is a highly effective intervention for reducing challenging behaviors and improving communication skills. By identifying the function of challenging behaviors and teaching replacement behaviors that serve the same function, FCT empowers individuals to communicate their needs and desires in socially acceptable ways. The various methodologies within FCT, when tailored to individual needs and implemented with fidelity, can lead to significant improvements in quality of life for individuals with communication challenges. Consistent data collection and ongoing monitoring are crucial for ensuring the success of this intervention.

## FAQs:

1. What is the difference between ABA and FCT? ABA is the overarching framework, while FCT is a specific intervention within ABA targeting communication.

1. Is FCT only for individuals with autism? While often used with autistic individuals, FCT benefits individuals with various developmental disabilities and communication challenges.

1. How long does FCT take to show results? The timeframe varies greatly depending on the individual, the complexity of the behavior, and the consistency of the intervention.

1. Can FCT be used at home? Yes, with proper training and supervision from a qualified professional.

1. What if the replacement behavior doesn't work? The intervention may need to be adjusted, a different replacement behavior selected, or a more thorough FBA conducted.

1. What are the ethical considerations of FCT? Ensuring informed consent, using least restrictive interventions, and monitoring for potential adverse effects are crucial.

1. How can I find a qualified professional to provide FCT? Look for Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) with experience in FCT.

1. Are there any potential side effects of FCT? Side effects are rare but may include temporary increases in challenging behavior during extinction or frustration during skill acquisition.

1. What are the long-term benefits of FCT? Improved communication skills, reduced challenging behaviors, increased independence, and improved quality of life.

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