Simple React Concepts With Real-Life Examples

### 1. Reconciliation

**Explanation:** React compares before and after versions of the UI, then updates only what changed.

**Example:** Like a teacher checking homework by just looking at what's been added or erased, instead of rereading every word.

### 2. Virtual DOM

**Explanation:** A faster, in-memory version of the web page structure React uses to decide updates.

**Example:** Editing a draft on your notepad before making final changes on an official form.

### 3. React Batch Updating

**Explanation:** React groups several changes together to update the UI more efficiently.

**Example:** Collecting all your clothes before making one trip to the washing machine, instead of washing them one by one.

### 4. setState() Syntax

**Explanation:** A function to change part of the component's data (state).

**Example:** Changing the TV channel by pressing the remote, which updates what you see on the screen.

**Code:** `this.setState({ channel: 5 })`

### 5. Object Syntax (setState)

**Explanation:** Update state by giving setState an object describing the change.

**Example:** Changing your phone volume to a specific number.

**Code:** `this.setState({ volume: 10 })`

### 6. Callback Syntax (setState)

**Explanation:** Give setState a function to update state based on the previous value.

**Example:** Counting how many times you press a button, always increasing based on the last count.

**Code:**

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this.setState(prev => ({ count: prev.count + 1 }))
```

### 7. Object Syntax vs Callback Syntax

**Explanation:** Use object for simple updates, callback when new state depends on the current state.

**Example:** If two people are adding sugar to tea at the same time, you need to know the latest amount before adding more (use callback).

### 8. Children Prop

**Explanation:** Lets a component display whatever you put between its tags.

**Example:** Like a lunchbox (component) that can hold sandwiches, fruits, or notes (children).

### 9. Passing Text as Children

**Explanation:** Place text or elements inside component tags for them to be shown inside.

**Example:** Writing a message on a gift card before putting it in an envelope.

**Code:** `<Button>Send</Button>`

### 10. Accessing Children

**Explanation:** Inside the component, get what's between its tags using `props.children` .

**Example:** Opening the lunchbox (component) to see what snacks (children) are inside.

### 11. Controlled vs Uncontrolled Input

**Explanation:** Controlled means React manages the input's value, uncontrolled means the DOM manages it.

**Example:**

- Controlled: Teacher keeping track of your test score (React manages).
- Uncontrolled: You keep your own score and just show it when asked.

### 12. Controlled Input

**Explanation:** Every change to the input field is tracked and managed by React.

**Example:** Someone watching you write your name and updating their list in real time.

### 13. Uncontrolled Input

**Explanation:** Browser keeps track of the input field, React only checks when needed.

**Example:** Writing your name on paper, and later someone checks what you wrote.

### 14. Props vs State

**Explanation:**

- **Props:** Like gifts from your parent (can't change).
- **State:** Like your own wallet (you can add or spend money).

**Table:**

| Aspect | Props | State |
|---|---|---|
| Control | Passed from parent | Managed by self |
| Change? | No | Yes |

### 15. State Should be Minimal

**Explanation:** Only store what's necessary in state, use it to derive anything else.

**Example:** If you record your birth year, you don't have to write your age each year—just calculate it!

### 16. Keys (in Lists)

**Explanation:** Keys help React identify which items in a list are changed, added, or removed.

**Example:** Like giving every student a roll number so the teacher can track each one, even if they move seats.