



#### Consumer Learning



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### Chapter 5 Learning Objectives



- 5.1 To understand the elements of learning in the context of consumer behavior.
- 5.2 To understand behavioral learning, classical conditioning, and the roles of stimulus generalization and discrimination in developing and branding new products.
- 5.3 To understand instrumental conditioning and the objectives and methods of reinforcement.
- 5.4 To understand the role of observational learning in consumer behavior.

### Chapter 5 Learning Objectives



- 5.5 To understand the elements of information processing, including receiving, storing, and retrieving consumption-related information.
- 5.6 To understand cognitive learning as a framework for consumer decision-making.
- 5.7 To understand consumer involvement and passive learning, and their impact on purchase decisions and the retention and recall of promotional communications.
- 5.8 To understand how to measure the results of consumer learning.

## Learning through ads





FIGURE 5.1 Samsung Ads Featuring Consumer Learning

5.1 To understand the elements of learning in the context of consumer behavior.

#### Learning

- Intentional vs. incidental learning
- Four elements:
  - Motives
  - Cues
  - Responses
  - Reinforcement

Compare the two introductions of Febreze.

Product introduction contradicted the four elements of learning P&G launched and positioned Febreze as a colorless spray for making stinky clothes and interior odorless P&G assumed that people living with bad smells had a problem/ need for Febreze, which they did not Febreze was not selling because people who live with bad smells - such as smoke or pets' odors do not notice them. although their houses were clean and beds made P&G was trying to teach consumers a new behavior, but one of the four elements of learning

 the cue — was missing because the targeted consumers did not notice the bad odors

Product introduction was consistent with the elements of learning

P&G's researchers observed that women cleaning rooms and making beds spray Febreze at the end (for no apparent reason, since the room was already clean)

P&G interviewed women analyzed the observed behavior according to the elements of learning

Drive and Cue: a woman walks into a dirty room

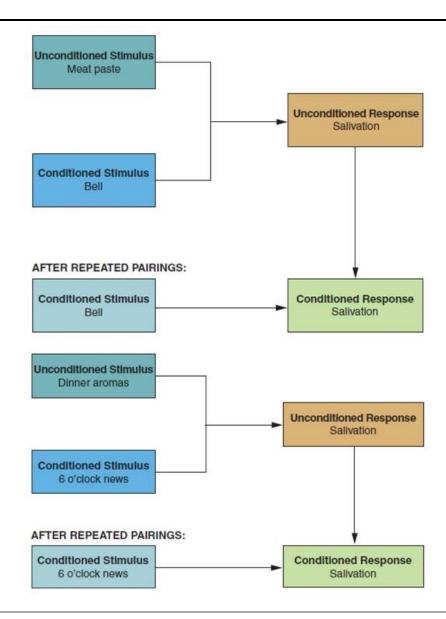
Response (learnt routine): she cleans the room

Reinforcement: she sprays Febreze in the cleaned room and smells it. She feels good about a job well. Spraying Febreze at the end rewarded her for her work and she will use it in the future.

5.2 To understand behavioral learning, classical conditioning, and the roles of stimulus generalization and discrimination in developing and branding new products.

### Classical Conditioning

FIGURE 5.3A AND B Classical Conditioning



#### Applications of Classical Conditioning

- Associative learning
- Need for repetition
  - Advertising wear-out
  - Three-hit theory

Why does Fresh Step use different versions of its ad?

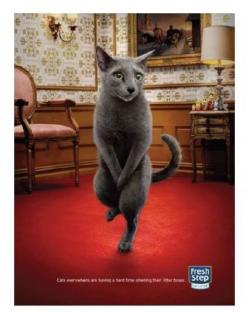
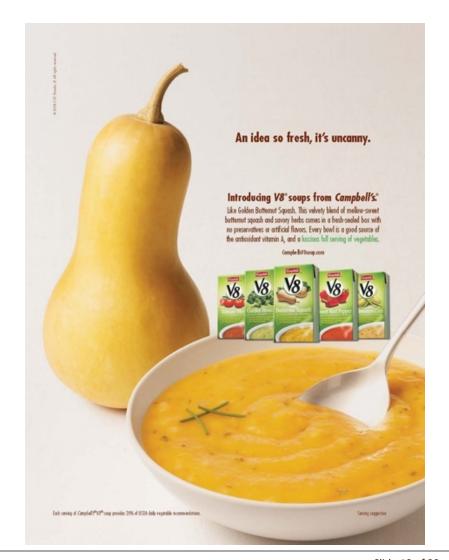




FIGURE 5.4 The Same Advertising Message Expressed Differently

#### Stimulus Generalization

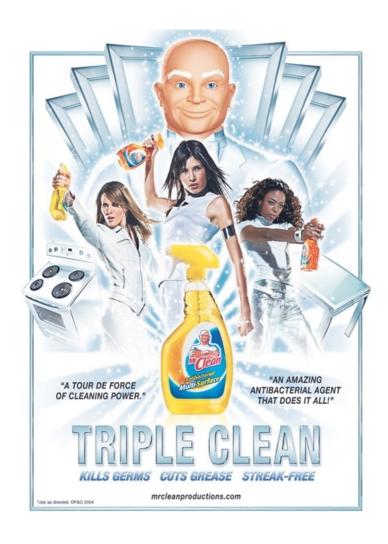
- Product line extensions
- Product form extensions
- Family branding
- Licensing



#### Stimulus Discrimination

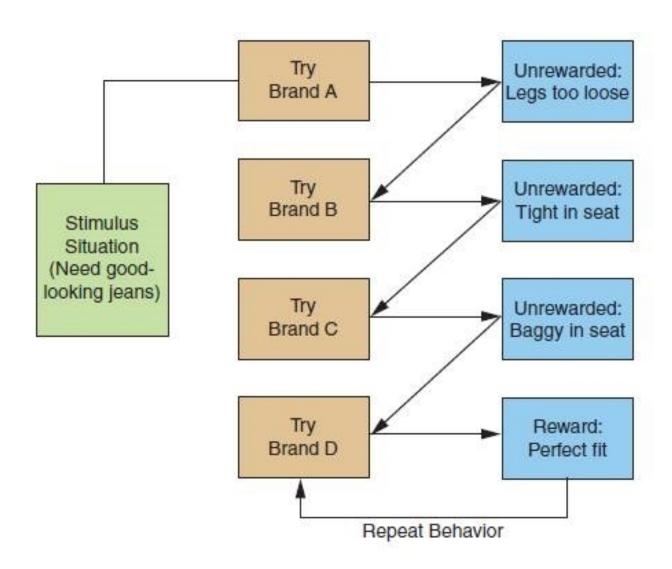


# Which concept of behavioral learning applies to the introduction of this product?



5.3 To understand instrumental conditioning and the objectives and methods of reinforcement.

### Instrumental Conditioning



#### Discussion Questions

- What is the difference between positive reinforcement and negative reinforcement?
- What is the difference between negative reinforcement and punishment?
- What is the difference between extinction and forgetting?

#### Reinforcement Schedules

Continuous

Fixed ratio

Variable ratio

#### Other Applications of Instrumental Learning

- Shaping
- Mass vs. distributed learning

When is a distributed learning schedule preferred?

5.4 To understand the role of observational learning in consumer behavior.

#### Observational Learning

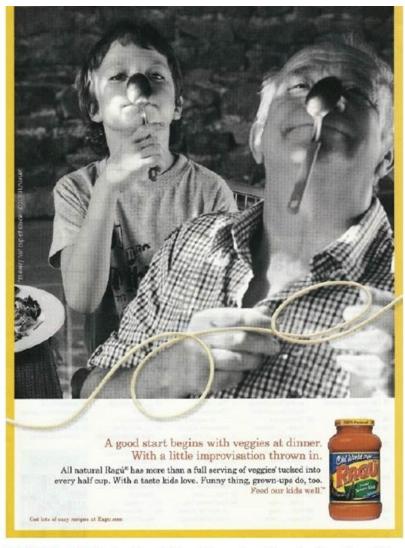
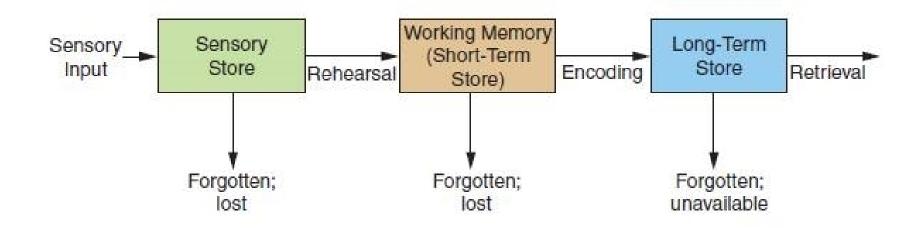


FIGURE 5.9 Eating Ragu Is Fun: Observational Learning from Grandfather to Grandson

5.5 To understand the elements of information processing, including receiving, storing, and retrieving consumption-related information.

### Cognitive Learning



### Information Processing

- Storing information
  - Sensory store
  - Short-term storage
  - Long-term storage
- Rehearsal
  - Encoding
  - Information Retrieval
- Retention
  - Chunking
  - Retrieval

5.6 To understand cognitive learning as a framework for consumer decision-making.

### Cognitive Learning

TABLE 5.1 Representations of Cognitive Learning				
GENERIC STAGES OF COGNITIVE LEARNING	TRI-COMPONENT ATTITUDE MODEL	AIDA	INNOVATION ADOPTION	INNOVATION DECISION- MAKING
Knowledge	Cognitive	Attention	Awareness	Knowledge
Evaluation	Affective	Interest and Desire	Interest and Evaluation	Persuasion
Behavior	Conative	Action	Trial and Adoption	Decision and Confirmation

#### Discussion Question

How would the ad influence the behavior of an individual who was engaged in a cognitive learning process?

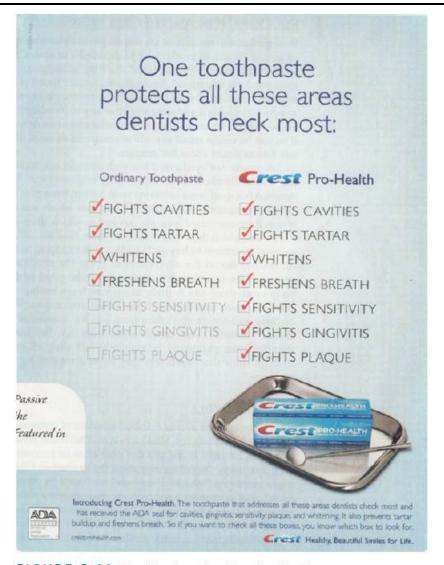
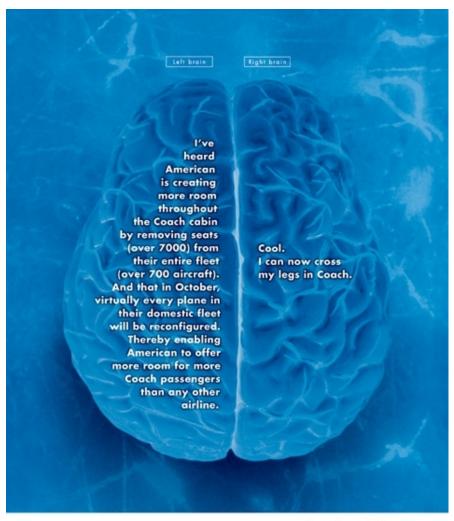


FIGURE 5.11 Cognitive Learning: Crest Pro-Health

5.7 To understand consumer involvement and passive learning, and their impact on purchase decisions and the retention and recall of promotional communications.

#### Hemispheric Lateralization



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5.8 To understand how to measure the results of consumer learning.

### Recognition and Recall Measures

- Aided recall (recognition)
- Unaided recall (recall)

How does the Starch Readership Ad Study measure ad effectiveness?

#### **Brand Loyalty**

#### Depends on

- Risk aversion/variety seeking
- Brand reputation/ substitute availability
- Social influence

#### Types

- Covetous
- Inertia
- Premium

#### TABLE 5.2 Characteristics of Brand-Loyal Consumers

- 1. They tend to stick with brands that they know and trust and with the best-known brands.
- 2. They believe that staying with the brands they like simplifies their lives.
- 3. They let friends try other products and switch only if a product is really outstanding.
- 4. They avoid buying something different just for the sake of being different.
- They view liked brands as "friends," with whom they want to maintain relationships.
- They believe that they save money by not buying new brands until others buy them and tell them whether or not they like the new brands.
- 7. They view themselves as "brand-loyal shoppers."



#### **Brand Equity**

The intrinsic value of a brand name. This value stems from the foundations of brand loyalty: the consumer's perception of the brand's superiority, the social esteem that using it provides, and the customer's trust and identification with the brand.

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