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**1. Who is Noam Chomsky? Why is he important?**

Noam Chomsky is an American linguist and famous philosopher. He is known as the “father of linguistics”. In 1957 he wrote a book that laid the foundation for his non-empiricist theory.

Linguistics is the study of the human language and its structure. Noam changed the field of linguistics which influenced other fields like psychology and philosophy. He is an extremely influential person in the world today and back in 1957.

**2. Why did behaviorists commonly use animals in their experiments?**

Animals were used in experiments because they are believed to be the closest to humans. They were believed to act and have similar behaviors to humans. Like Pavlov experiment as an example as to why human behavior is similar to animals. People today have experimented with animals through buttons and teaching them english.

**3. Do you believe psychologists make a difference in people's lives? Explain.**

I believe that psychologists do make a difference in people's lives. I believe this to be true because some people don't understand why they do certain things that they do. With a psychologist's help people are able to understand that certain actions happen because of events that occur in the past. To have an expert to talk these things through could help a non-educated person.

**4. Describe Pavlov's classical conditioning experiment.**

Pavlov's experiment was when conditioning was used. It was teaching/conditioning a dog to respond to a certain thing. A bell would ring and food would be brought out. At first the dog had no response. Over time the dog knew in his mind that when a bell rang he would receive food. So even when there was no food brought he would still salivate at the sound of a bell.

**5. Compare behaviorists and humanists.**

Behaviorists examine behavior and actions of an individual. Humanists believe that the things we do as humans cause what happens in our world and universe. So Behaviorists mainly focus on humans actions and what and how a human reacts. Humanists are believed to not have a faith system and rely solely on humans and their actions.