

Post key

**SCHEDULES OF REINFORCEMENT**- for each example below identify which of the 4 schedules of reinforcement is being used (**fixed ratio**, **variable ratio**, **fixed interval**, **variable interval**).

| Type                   | Meaning   | Outcome  |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Fixed ratio (FR)       | Reinforcement depends on a definite number of responses | Activity slows after reinforcement and then picks up |
| Variable ratio (VR)    | Number of responses needed for reinforcement varies     | Greatest activity of all schedules results           |
| Fixed interval (FI)    | Reinforcement depends on a fixed time                   | Activity increases as deadline nears                 |
| Variable interval (VI) | Time between reinforcement varies                       | Steady activity results                              |

1. You get paid once every two weeks. **FI**
2. Slot machines at casinos payoff after a certain number of plays. **VR**
3. Students are released from class when the end-of-the-period bell rings. **FI**
4. You get a nickel for every pop can that you return. **FR**
5. Sometimes the mail is delivered at 1:00, sometimes at 3:00. **VI**
6. A car salesman who gets a commission on each sale. **FR**
7. Getting a small increase in your hourly wage every 6 months. **FI**
8. Honor roll is announced every 9 weeks and prizes are given out. **FI**