

## FRQ Terms (UNITS REFER TO THE CHAPTERS IN MYERS' PSYCHOLOGY FOR AP 1E)

These are all of the terms, concepts, and topics that have appeared on the AP Psych FRQ's in the past 9 years. The number you see after some terms refers to how frequently they have been used. I have taken out the units (Social Psychology and Clinical Psychology) that will not be tested on this year due to the abbreviated test. Some terms have been used more than once. For example: Operational Definition has shown up on one of the FRQ's 6 times in the last 9 years.

**NOTE:** This year the AP Psychology exam will consist of the FRQ portion only. The more exposure you have to essential concepts and vocabulary, the better! Familiarize yourself with [past FRQ's](#) and stay tuned for more information regarding the test.

| Unit 1 & 2<br>Perspectives and Research Methods   | Unit 3<br>The Brain- Biological Bases of Behavior  | Unit 4<br>Sensation & Perception   | Unit 5<br>States of Consciousness   |
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| Operational Definition (6)<br>Experiment (6)<br>Correlation (6)<br>Dependent Variable (5)<br>Statistical Significance (4)<br>Random Assignment (3)<br>Experiments (2)<br>Double-blind Study (2)<br>Independent Variable<br>APA Ethical Guidelines for<br>Hypothesis<br>Illusory Correlation<br>Mean<br>Median<br>Descriptive Statistics<br>Inferential Statistics<br>Single-blind Study<br>Random Selection<br>Survey<br>Case Study<br>Naturalistic Observation | Prefrontal Cortex (3)<br>Sympathetic Nervous System (2)<br>Adrenal Glands (2)<br>Dopamine & the Reward Center<br>Somatosensory Cortex (Sensory Cortex)<br>Motor Neuron<br>Serotonin<br>Motor Cortex<br>Broca's Area<br>Myelin Sheath<br>Occipital Lobe<br>Evolutionary Psychology<br>Cerebellum<br>Acetylcholine (ACh)<br>Long Term Potentiation | Retinal Disparity (2)<br>Difference Threshold (2)<br>Selective Attention<br>Sensory Adaptation<br>Color Blindness<br>Absolute Threshold<br>Basilar Membrane<br>Inattentional Blindness<br>Rods<br>Proximity<br>Fovea<br>Feature Detectors<br>Closure (Gestalt)<br>Cocktail Party Effect<br>Figure Ground | Circadian Rhythm (2)<br>REM Sleep   |
|   |  |  | Unit 6<br>Learning  |
|   |  |  | Modeling (2)<br>Schedules of Reinforcement (2)<br>Positive Reinforcement (2)<br>Negative Reinforcement<br>Observational Learning<br>Conditioned Response<br>Pavlov<br>Secondary Reinforcer<br>Operant Conditioning<br>Reinforcement |

| Unit 7<br>Cognition   | Unit 8<br>Motivation   | Unit 9<br>Development   | Unit 10<br>Personality  |
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| Availability Heuristic (3)<br>Distributed Practice (3)<br>Prospective Memory (2)<br>Retroactive Interference (2)<br>Proactive Interference (2)<br>Confirmation Bias (2)<br>Procedural Memory (2)<br>State-dependent Memory (2)<br>Encoding Failure (2)<br>Algorithm<br>Source Amnesia<br>Source Misattribution<br>Phoneme<br>Modeling<br>Chunking<br>Language Acquisition<br>Serial Position Effect<br>Episodic Memory<br>Representative Heuristic<br>Functional Fixedness<br>Explicit Memory<br>(Aka-Declarative memory)<br>Cognitive Maps<br>Imagery<br>Context-dependent Memory<br>Convergent Thinking<br>Implicit Memory<br>(Aka Nondeclarative)<br>Heuristic<br>Mnemonic | Overjustification Effect (2)<br>Drive-reduction Theory<br>External Cues<br>GAS – Alarm Phase<br>GAS – Resistance Phase<br>(Selye)<br>GAS – Exhaustion Phase<br>Incentive Theory<br>Hunger<br>Anorexia Nervosa<br>Arousal Theory<br>Two-factor Theory of Emotion<br>(Schacter-Singer)<br>Approach-Approach Conflict | Postconventional Morality (2)<br>Cross-sectional Study (2)<br>Longitudinal Study (2)<br>Habituation<br>Social Learning Theory<br>(Bandura)<br>Authoritarian Parent<br>Identity v. Role Confusion -<br>Erikson<br>Fluid Intelligence<br>Crystallized Intelligence<br>Preconventional Morality<br>Permissive Parent ( <u>Baumrind</u> )<br>Conservation<br>Criticism of Piaget's Theory<br>Piaget's Stages<br>Gender Role | Self-efficacy (5)<br>Intrinsic Motivation (3)<br>Big Five Traits (3)<br>Conscientiousness (2)<br>Extraversion<br>Unconditional Positive Regard<br>( <u>Rogers</u> )<br>Extrinsic Motivation<br>Reciprocal Determinism<br>( <u>Bandura</u> )<br>External Locus of Control<br>Internal Locus of Control<br>Defense Mechanisms<br>Reaction Formation<br>Regression<br>Self-actualization |
|   |  |   | <b>Unit 11<br/>Intelligence</b>   |
|   |  |   | Belief Perseverance (2)<br>Divergent Thinking<br>Predictive Validity<br>Practical Intelligence<br>Mental Set  |