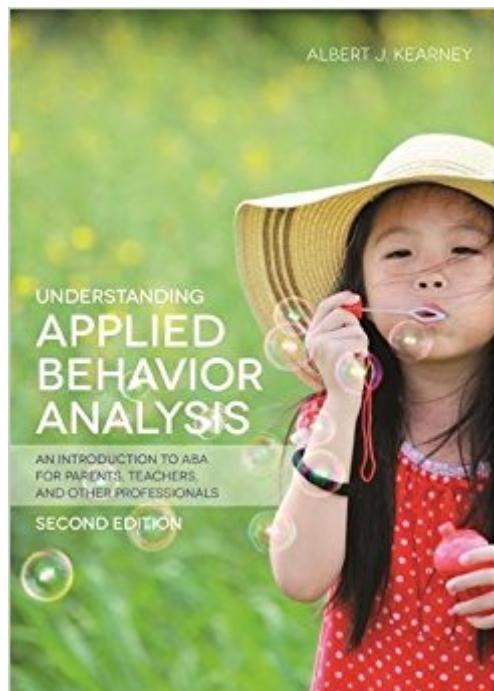


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# Understanding Applied Behavior Analysis, Second Edition: An Introduction To ABA For Parents, Teachers, And Other Professionals



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This introductory guide to ABA demystifies the often complex terminology, the underlying principles, and commonly-used procedures of ABA using accessible, everyday language. This revised and updated edition reflects recent developments and introduces new key terms. Albert J. Kearney explains the kinds of learning and reinforcement processes that form the basis of ABA programs. Having covered these essential principles, he describes how the science of behavior analysis can be effectively applied to real life behavior problems. He looks at how behavior is assessed and various intervention techniques that are often employed with children who have autism and other special needs. Having laid these essential foundations, Kearney touches on more advanced topics: the applications of ABA in behavioral education, such as precision teaching and programmed instruction.

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They state it is for parents or teacher, it was not a book for parents who want to learn about ABA. I would compare it to a dictionary. At first it seemed ok, since they had a chapter on each subject like a chapter on behavior, but within every chapter it was just page after page of terms and their meaning. I did not see any use to it in explaining to me on a parent level what is aba, how is it used in a school, and what can i do at home.

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