Examples of positive and negative reinforcers commonly-used in K-12 classrooms

| Positive reinforcers | Negative reinforcers |
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| Giving praise | Taking away a deadline |
| Giving stickers | Taking away surveillance |
| Giving privileges | Taking away an unattractive assignment |
| Giving tokens | Taking away a threat |
| Giving attention | Removing a negative evaluation |
| Giving good grades | Removing bad grades |
| Giving scholarships | Taking away criticism |
| Giving an honor | Stopping one's ridicule |
| Giving a trophy | Stopping one's teasing |
| Giving a prize | Stopping one's yelling or screaming |
| Giving an award | Stopping one's crying |
| Giving food | Stopping one's whining |
| Giving money | Stopping one's staring |
| Giving a smile | Stopping one's pleading or pouting |
| Giving positive feedback | Stopping laughing (at someone) |