

Is *Your* Reinforcer a Reinforcer for the Student?

It depends on....

Student's reinforcement history

 *what motivated him/her in the past*

Student's deprivation state

 *what s/he wants but does not get easily or frequently*

Perceived value of the reinforcer

 *whether it is worth performing the behavior to get it*

Consistency of previous delivery of reinforcers

 *can the student count on the contract to be reliable*

Age-appropriateness of the reinforcer

 *not embarrassing even though enjoyable*