

# The DRI Drill: Targeting Replacement Behaviors

Try differential reinforcement of an incompatible behavior (DRI) BEFORE you deliver a reprimand.



## Pick a Behavior

If there is a particular behavior a child is struggling with, label it! **For example:** hitting or shouting out.

Then pick a behavior that is incompatible with what you labeled. **For example:** hands to the side or quiet voices.



## Find the Incompatible Behavior

Survey your environment. If the child with whom you are working is exhibiting the negative behavior, find another child in proximity that is exhibiting the new, incompatible behavior. **For example:** Target student is not coming in from recess, so you praise all the students who are coming in from recess.



## Watch for an Opportunity

While you are reinforcing all the other children for engaging in the incompatible behavior, watch for an opportunity to praise the target student.

Even if the student makes an approximation to your targeted behavior, praise them. Let them know they're close.