

Examples of Natural vs. Contrived Environments and Materials

	CONTRIVED	NATURAL
MATERIALS	• Pictures of objects • Tokens • Edibles • Fake items (toy money, etc.) • Contrived sorting tasks (colored bears, chips, etc.) • Contrived cleaning tasks (tearing up paper and placing pieces on the floor for sweeping, etc.)	• The actual objects • Naturally available reinforcers (e.g., vending machine, positive attention from co-workers) • Actual items in need of action (e.g., dirty clothes, dirty dishes) • Actual items in need of sorting (e.g., mail that needs action)
ENVIRONMENTS	• Classroom • School store • Clinic • Vocational room	• Stores • Restaurants • Movie theaters • The beach • Parks • Gyms • Libraries • Malls