

Nemo Helps Explain the Approaches

	What determines behavior?	Explain Marlin's protective parenting style	Explain Crush's relaxed parenting style
Biological (Neuroscience)	My behavior is what it is because of the way my brain is wired.	Marlin behaves the way he does because his brain and nervous system is wired the way it is. Depression / grief over the loss of his wife and other children is also causing his anxiety. Marlin may also appreciate that Nemo's brain hasn't fully matured and this fact may result in Nemo taking more risks.	Crush behaves the way he does because his brain and nervous system is wired the way it is. Lots of Dopamine?
Behavioral	My <u>observable</u> behaviors are <u>reinforced</u> or <u>punished</u> and this is what determines my behavior.	His anxiety response has been rewarded (like someone suffering from OCD, when he goes in and out of the anemone 4 times it lessens his anxiety for a short period of time.) Conversely, he may view the shark attack as punishment for his carefree lifestyle.	Crush's relaxed parenting style has been <u>rewarded</u> -- he and Squirt have a great relationship and Squirt is becoming more independent.
Cognitive	My perceptions of the world and how I think determine my behavior	Marlin <u>perceives</u> the world as a dangerous place / <u>attributes</u> Coral's death and death of his other children not to just one bad shark, but to a whole scary ocean.	Crush perceives the world as an exciting playground.
Humanistic	I choose my behavior	Marlin chooses to behave the way he does.	Crush chooses to behave the way he does.
Psychodynamic (Psychoanalytic)	My <u>past</u> , my unconscious, determines my behavior	unresolved unconscious conflicts from early childhood (didn't feel loved or acknowledged by his parents)	No unresolved conflicts OR he wants in some way to relive his childhood by being Squirt's friend.
Social-Cultural	My <u>culture</u> and <u>social environment</u> determines my behavior. My behavior may be affected by others around me.	His role models (his own parents, friends) may also have been similarly protective. Perhaps, with time, the other parents at Nemo's school will rub off on him.	The other turtles in his community have a similar reaction when Squirt is thrust into the open ocean -- they are calm and wait to see what happens.
Evolutionary/ Sociobiological	My behaviors is the result of my innate need to reproduce	Marlin has a strong need to help his son survive until the age of reproduction -- his anxiety is heightened because Nemo is his only child.	Crush may subconsciously recognize that risk takers like Squirt have a better chance of finding food / attracting a mate.