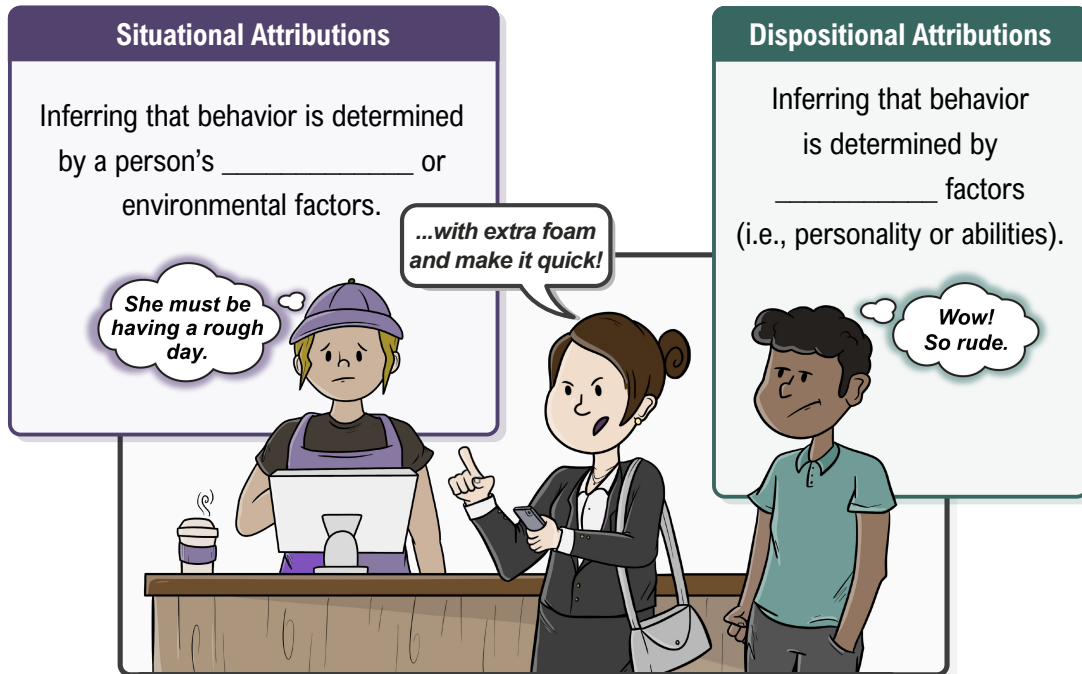


TOPIC: ATTRIBUTIONS

Types of Attributions

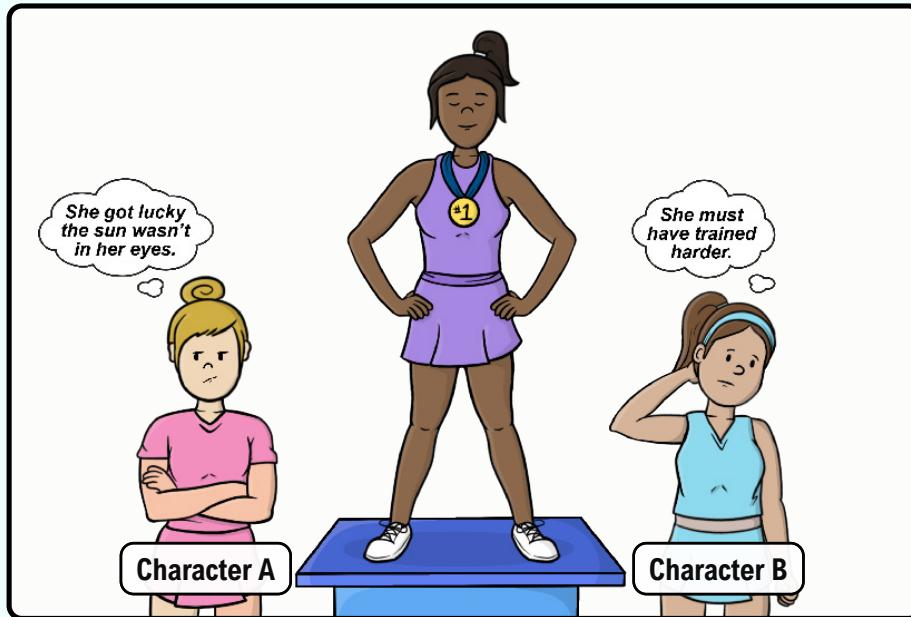
◆ **Attribution:** Inferences that people make about the _____ of behavior.



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EXAMPLE

In the cartoon below, identify which character uses situational attributions and which uses dispositional attributions.



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|---------------|--|
| Situational | |
| Dispositional | |

PRACTICE

Which of the following would be a dispositional attribution?

- a) She's good with kids because she's such a patient person.
- b) He was late for work because of a traffic jam.
- c) She missed the deadline because she had the flu.
- d) He didn't hear me because the music was too loud.

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Fundamental Attribution Error

◆ Tendency to _____ estimate **dispositional** factors and underestimate **situational** factors when forming attributions.

◆ **Actor-observer effect:**

- Actor: Tend to use **situational** attributions to explain our _____ behavior.
- Observed: Tend to use **dispositional** attributions to explain the behavior of _____.
- Occurs for many reasons:

Information & Ease

_____ knowledge about our own **situations**.

Making **situational** attributions about others requires perspective-taking.

Self-Serving Biases

Biases that allow us to perceive ourselves more _____.

Tendency to explain our successes due to **dispositions** & failures due to **situations**.

Just-World Hypothesis

Belief that people get the outcomes they “_____.”

Leads to a type of **dispositional** attribution called *victim-blaming*.

EXAMPLE

Briefly example the difference between *fundamental attribution error* and the *actor-observer effect*.

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PRACTICE

Victim-blaming is often explained as being the result of which *specific* psychological phenomenon?

- a) The Bystander Effect.
- b) Dispositional Attributions.
- c) Situational Attributions.
- d) The Just-World Hypothesis.

PRACTICE

Which of the following is NOT a known reason for the actor-observer effect?

- a) We are highly empathic and can easily take the perspective of others.
- b) We simply know more about our own situations than the situations of others.
- c) We tend to believe that people get the outcome they deserve.
- d) We tend to have a bias to perceive ourselves more positively.