CONCEPT: UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOR CHANGE

- ◆ Behavior Change: a process of developing ______ habits while overcoming ____healthy ones.
 - ▶ These are the top _____ models of behavior change that are theorized:
 - 1 Health Belief model.
 - 2 Transtheoretical model (Stages of Change).



1. Health Belief Model (HBM)

- ◆ 4 _____ influence our health behaviors.
 - a. Perceived **seriousness**: how ______ or dangerous are the consequences if no change?
 - b. Perceived susceptibility: what are your _____ of experiencing these consequences?
 - c. Perceived **benefits**: will the behavior change benefit _____?
 - d. Perceived **barriers**: are barriers ______ than potential benefits?



EXAMPLE

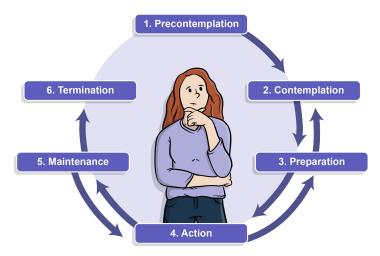
Leana, a college student, decides that she does not need to wear sunscreen while going to the beach during a spring break. She believes that skin cancer is a disease of older individuals. This belief illustrates which Health Belief model factor?

- a) perceived seriousness.
- b) perceived susceptibility.
- c) perceived benefits.
- d) perceived barriers.

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2. Transtheoretical model

◆ In the process of *altering behavior*, we go through ____ stages. They are _____ sequential and can ______.



| Transtheoretical Model | | |
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| Stages | Description | Example |
| 1 Precontemplation | of a problem or no intention to change. | Person leads a sedentary lifestyle, doesn't see the need for exercise. |
| 2 Contemplation | ◆ Acknowledging a problem, to make a change within 6 months. | Start to notice they're always tired and out of shape. Consider the value of regular exercise. |
| 3 Preparation | ◆ Planning & setting a to take action within 1 month. | Buys walking shoes, looks for walking trails. Sets a goal to walk 15 mins each day. |
| 4 Action | ◆ implementing the behavior change. | Starts to go on walks, adjusts walking times. |
| 5 Maintenance | ◆ New behavior has been for at least 6 months. | Even though relapses occured, they got back into walking each time. |
| 6 Termination | ◆ New behavior is into daily life; - With no or little temptation to to old behavior. | Walking has become an essential part of the day. |

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In the Transtheoretical model, which stage is characterized by an individual working to sustain the changes they made and prevent relapses?

a) action

c) termination

e) precontemplation

b) contemplation

d) maintenance

) preparation

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PRACTICE

How do the Health Belief model and Transtheoretical mode differ in their approach to behavior change?

- a) HBM assesses perceived threats and benefits, whereas the Transtheoretical model outlines the stages of change individuals experience.
- b) Both models prioritize knowledge and awareness as the key motivators for behavior change.
- c) HBM suggests that people move back and forth between the stages, while Transtheoretical model assumes behavior change is linear.
- d) Both models illustrate how deep-rooted beliefs affect human behavior change.