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Smith (1982) found that "the placebo effect disappeared when behaviors were studied in this manner" (p. 276).

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The placebo effect disappeared when behaviors were studied in this manner. Furthermore, the behaviors were never exhibited again, even when real drugs were administered. Earlier studies conducted by the same group of researchers were clearly premature in attributing the results to a placebo effect. (p. 276)

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Adams (2001) concluded that pigeons were more likely to be influenced by sunflower seeds than were rats.

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