

Prep 8 Bowlby's maternal deprivation hypothesis

1. Find out what the term deprivation means (in terms of attachment)?

Bowlby believed that deprivation from a mother or female caregiver resulted in negative short and long term effects (we will look at this in the lesson). But where did he get his ideas from? Like Schaffer his hypothesis was based on research carried out by himself and other psychologists.

Use the second half of page 3 to fill in the ao1 in the boxes and places below.

Bowlby's _____ thieves

Sample

Size _____
Gathered from _____
Ages _____

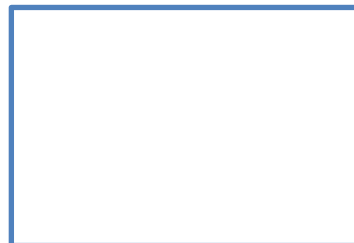
What did he **conclude** caused this affectionless psychopathy? _____

Summarise Spitz and Wolf (1945)-sample, findings, conclusion

Conditions



_____ affectionless psychopathy → _____% separated



_____ affectionless psychopaths
_____% separated

Evaluation of the research supporting the maternal deprivation hypothesis

The research does appear to support the idea that separation from the mother causes serious effects such as affectionless psychopathy BUT there are issues with the research itself.

Below can you list all of the issues and the impact this might have on the hypothesis

Need a hint? Look at one of the evaluation points on page 24!

