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Bushnell (1989) presented **2 day old** babies with either their mothers face or the face of a female stranger until they had spent a total of 20 seconds focusing on one of them.

They found that 2/3 of the infants preferred their mothers face over that of a stranger.

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In cultural contexts where multiple care-givers are the norm, many psychologists believe that babies form multiple attachment from the outset (so from the pre-attachment stage).

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An issue with Schaffer’ stages is that they may not be generalizable to all babies and their families.

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A strength of Schaffer’s stages is that they are based on research evidence.

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Schaffer’s longitudinal observation of Glasgow babies does clearly show the stages that babies go through when attaching.

However the study is based on a limited sample of participants as all the babies were from the same area and were the same social class.

2

The pre attachment stage assumes that infant’s emotional responses aren’t directed to a specific individual but research shows that this might not actually be the case.