

Matching Game

Draw a line between the care giving response and what you think the longer-term outcome for the child may be:

A parent who often ignores and does not act curiously when a child cries does not offer care when the baby asks.

The child presents as disorganised in the way they respond to their parent, and may show extreme behaviours like freezing or rocking.

A parent who is comforting and sensitive towards baby, working out what the baby wants and providing this.

The child is equally inconsistent in how they respond to their parent, they can be difficult to soothe when distressed.

A parent who does not always respond the same way to their baby, they are sometimes sensitive and sometimes demonstrate annoyance.

The child is secure, confident to explore and is generally happy.
The child is usually pleased when they see their parent and will seek comfort.

A parent who is very extreme in care giving, they can be a mix of frightening and neglectful.

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Answer Sheet

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Disorganised Attachment

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Ambivalent Attachment

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Secure Attachment

The child is secure, confident to explore and is generally happy.
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Avoidant Attachment

The child will learn not to try and seek the attention of their parent as they do not respond. They become distanced and withdrawn.