

The Strange Situation – Reliability & Validity



This activity will help you to:

- Assess the reliability & validity of Ainsworth's SSC
- Comment on and evaluate research into individual differences in attachment
- Research and summarise psychological information

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Ainsworth's SSC is used to measure the quality of a child's attachment. Using your text and other sources, locate, summarise and draw some conclusions from some psychological studies that will allow you to comment on the three areas below.

Reliability

If the SSC is a useful measure, children assessed on different occasions should produce the same assessment result.

Relevant Research Findings

Comments

Validity

If the SSC is a truthful measure, a child's behaviour in its own environment should reflect its SSC assessment.

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Predictive Validity

The most useful psychological measure allow us to predict what will happen in the future. Does the SSC allow us to predict later development?

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