# Chapter 11

1. To what extent is temperament research in competition with attachment research, and to what extent should we see it as a separate area? Or indeed should we see them as connected?
2. Temperament research is sometimes seen as a ‘nature’ element in the nature-nurture debate. To what extent is this an oversimplification?
3. Do we sometimes overstate the role of evolution and animal research in Bowlby’s theory?
4. Why is the idea of maternal sensitivity so socially sensitive?
5. How credible is the link between infant attachment and adult mental health?
6. To what extent are feminist concerns about attachment theory justified?
7. Is day care okay for children? Hint: this is not a yes/no answer!
8. To what extent can the harmful effects of early institutional care be compensated for?
9. Is childhood popularity a thing?