

Face perception in infants

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1. Describe what is meant by “perceptual narrowing” with reference to the work on language development.
2. What technique was used to test the hypothesis? What are its strengths and limitations?
3. What was the pattern of results for the three groups tested? How were these analysed to see if they had occurred by chance?
4. Could these results explain other findings, such as the same race effect described in the chapter?
5. How might you use similar techniques to explore other aspects of face processing?