Part 1 A 1000-word essay.
Part 2 A 600-word Method section of the DE100 project report.
Part 3 A 100-word reflection.

On the following pages you will find:

- student notes for each part of this assignment
- learning outcomes addressed by this assignment
- a checklist to ensure you have done everything required for this assignment.

Student notes for Part 1

You are asked to 'Evaluate the usefulness of non-intrusive (observational or interview-based) approaches to studying attachment.'

The main difference between the type of essay which you will be writing for this assignment and that which you wrote for TMA 02 lies in what is expected of you. The essay for TMA 02 required you to outline the similarities and differences between two studies. This time you are expected to begin to engage in the more advanced activity of 'evaluation'. The ability to evaluate material is an important skill, both in academic study and in many occupations. This part of the assignment gives you an opportunity to develop this skill.

Before you start work on your essay, you need to make sure you understand exactly what the question requires. This means identifying and understanding the process and content words.

Process and content words

In this question there is one process word: 'evaluate'. It is this process word that directs you to more than just describing something. Evaluation involves constructing an argument about the importance and/or implications of the points being made. Further, evaluation requires you to consider arguments both for and against a certain question or claim; for example, in this case, the extent to which non-intrusive (observational and interview methods) have been useful for understanding attachment. As with all academic writing, your points should be supported with evidence and referenced appropriately.

The content words are 'the usefulness of non-intrusive (observational and interview) approaches to studying attachment'. This means that the essay has a specific focus on non-intrusive (observational and interview based) approaches used for studying attachment which you encountered in Chapter 5 of *Investigating Psychology* and the corresponding chapter in *Investigating Methods*.

Relevant material