You will find relevant material in Chapter 5 of *Investigating Psychology*. There is a great deal of potentially useful information in this material, so you will need to be selective about the points on which you choose to focus.

- Section 1 outlines the nature of attachment, theories and perspectives and some of the early ethological studies on imprinting and attachment in animals that influenced Bowlby's ideas about attachment.
- Section 2 describes Harry Harlow's experimental studies on attachment in rhesus monkeys that provide a useful reference for evaluation, contrasting intrusive against non-intrusive methods.

- Section 4 describes Schaffer & Emmerson's (1964) observational study on the development of attachment in Glaswegian babies and Mary Ainsworth's (1970) Strange Situation studies. The discussion of the latter is particularly relevant to the essay as it discusses the methodology used by Ainsworth and its advantages and disadvantages.
- Section 5 considers Michael Rutter's work, which is also relevant to the essay, as well as the studies by Hodges & Tizard (1989) and Zimmerman (1996).

While most of the examples are likely to come from Chapter 5 of *Investigating Psychology*, you may also find it useful to draw on material from Chapter 5 of *Investigating Methods*, in particular:

- Section 3 describes studies of attachments between animals and humans.
- Section 4 describes the Story-Stem Assessment Profile (SSAP) a method used to explore attachment relationships in children that partly uses interviews with parents to assess the relationship from both the child's and the adult's points of view.

Finally, you may want to refer to Week 14 online material, especially the Audio/video material on Mary Ainsworth.

You should aim to take an evaluative, critical stance in your essay on whether research using non-intrusive methods has been useful for studying attachment. You should aim to describe and weigh up the arguments for and against the assertion that non-intrusive methods have been useful for studying attachment.

There is a lot of information that you could include, so think carefully about what you choose to feature. You cannot cover all the possible points or examples and you are not expected to do so. Therefore, keep the precise wording of the essay question in mind and focus on selecting those points that you consider to be most relevant, and for which you can provide evidence to support your argument. Also, remember that the essay has a very specific focus, namely the usefulness of non-intrusive methods for studying attachment.

Below you will find tips for writing your essay, but before you start working on this part of the assignment, you should make sure that you have completed these online activities:

- Online Activity 12.2: *Constructing an argument*. This activity deals with how to present material in an assignment in a logical and coherent way, so that it addresses the question. This is especially important when writing an essay that focuses on evaluation.