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Love makes a difference!

Children who receive more warmth and affection from their mum grow up to be more open-minded and conscientious, a study suggests.

Psychologists tracked more than 1,000 pairs of British identical twins from early childhood to near adulthood, asking their mums how they would describe each one.

The University of Edinburgh team assessed her affection on a six-point scale, based on the language used, with phrases like 'she is a delight' marked near the top. By age 18, those who had experienced the most affection were more agreeable and creative, a bit kinder and marginally more organised, on average.

The twin who received more affection from their mum also ended up with a different personality, despite sharing the same genes as their sibling.

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