

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Original text:**

The results of the experiments reported here provide the first evidence of which we are aware for a bias in the detection of evolutionarily relevant threat stimuli very early in life. The results of Experiments 1, 2, and 3 demonstrate that young children, like adults, detect snakes more quickly than three different kinds of threat-irrelevant stimuli (flowers, frogs, and caterpillars)... These developmental findings are consistent with Ohman's (1993; Ohman & Mineka, 2001) proposed fear module—a neural system that is selectively sensitive to evolutionarily relevant threat stimuli. (LoBue & DeLoache, 2008, p.288)

*Reference:* LoBue, V., & DeLoache, J. S. (2008). Detecting the snake in the grass: Attention to fear-relevant stimuli by adults and young children. *Psychological Science*, 19(3), 284-289. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9280.2008.02081.x>

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Below are four samples from student papers. Underlined text = exactly the same as above.

**1. Student text:**

In fact, some research has shown that even very young children find it easier to see snakes than things like flowers or insects. This suggests that humans have an inborn fear of snakes because snakes were very dangerous to our ancestors.

*(No references listed)*

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**2. Student text:**

The results of some experiments provide the first suggestions that there is a bias in the detection of evolutionarily relevant threat stimuli very early in life. These developmental findings agree with Ohman's (1993) proposed fear module, which is that we have a neural system that is selectively sensitive to evolutionarily relevant threat stimuli.

*Reference:* Ohman, A. (1993). Fear and anxiety as emotional phenomena: Clinical phenomenology, evolutionary perspectives, and information-processing mechanisms. In M. Lewis & J. Haviland (Eds.), *Handbook of emotions* (pp.511-536). New York: Guilford Press.

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**3. Student text:**

In three experiments, LoBue and DeLoache (2008) discovered that young children, like adults, detect snakes more quickly than three different kinds of threat-irrelevant stimuli (flowers, frogs, and caterpillars).

*Reference:* LoBue, V., & DeLoache, J. S. (2008). Detecting the snake in the grass: Attention to fear-relevant stimuli by adults and young children. *Psychological Science*, 19(3), 284-289. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9280.2008.02081.x>

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#### 4. Student text:

A series of experiments showed that “young children, like adults, detect snakes more quickly than three different kinds of threat-irrelevant stimuli (flowers, frogs, and caterpillars)” (LoBue & DeLoache, 2008, p. 288). This is a good reminder that our minds have been shaped by evolution.

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