

Opinion Poll

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Newborn babies can hear many sounds at birth.

A**1****TRUE**

Newborns will turn their heads towards a sound or a voice. Newborns prefer to listen to a human voice more than any other sound. Newborns prefer to listen to a song sung in a high pitch. Newborns prefer a human voice singing songs rather than the same song played on a musical instrument.

B**2**

Newborn babies can tell the difference between the scent of their own mother and the smell of other people.

A

2**TRUE**

As early as 6 days of age an infant will turn her head towards the scent of her own mother.

B**3**

Newborns can tell the difference between something that is salty and something that is sweet.

A**3****TRUE**

Newborns can distinguish between sweet, salty, sour, and bitter. They respond to taste with different facial expressions. The taste they like the most is that of sweet breast milk.

B

4

For healthy development babies need to be held and touched.

A**4****TRUE**

Physical contact is important for the baby's physical, emotional, and mental development. It is the means through which infants are comforted, and the way that they explore the world and connect with others.

B**5**

When a baby is born he can see as well as an adult.

A

5**FALSE**

Newborns do not see very well. It is as though they are looking through a frosted glass. Anything closer than or beyond 20-30cm (8"-12") appears blurry.

B