

BIRTH ORDER



The Firstborn Child: The Achiever

As parents we tend to watch our first child's every move; we are proud of every step but frightened of every potential injury.

Thus the eldest child tends to be over-responsible, reliable, well behaved, cautious and rather like smaller versions of their own parents. They tend to be high achievers who seek approval, they also tend to be perfectionists and dominate conversations. They are often found in leadership careers such as law, medicine or as a CEO. As a mini-parent, they may try to dominate their siblings.

The Middle Child: The Peacemaker

By the time our middle child arrives, we know our baby is not going break, and therefore, we tend to be more flexible in both attention and discipline.

Middle children tend to be understanding, cooperative and flexible, yet competitive. They tend to be concerned with fairness. Though often late bloomers, they can find themselves in power careers that allow them to use the wonderful social skills because negotiating and navigating within their family structure prepares them for an entrepreneurial role in life.

The Youngest Child: The Life and Soul of the Party

By the time our final baby arrives, we are usually worn down, worn out and less likely to micro-manage; we tend to be more lenient and don't necessarily pay attention to every move or milestone of our youngest child.

Youngest children tend to learn how to seduce the crowd with charm and likability. Because of the greater freedom they experience they tend to be more independent. It probably won't surprise you to note that youngest children often find careers in the entertainment business as actors, comedians, writers, directors and so on. They can also shine in other careers provided they can have enough freedom to follow their own path in a creative style.

The Only Child: The Lone Wolf

Only children grow up surrounded by adults, and therefore tend to be more verbal and often more mature. Having spent so much time alone only children tend to be resourceful, creative and confident. Only children actually have a lot in common with those who are first born (such as being over-responsible and well-behaved) as well as those who are the youngest in their families (such as knowing how to seduce the crowd with charm and likability).