

# A Case Study on Love

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Research has yielded support for the concept of propinquity—a word whose length contradicts its meaning—lovers who live close together are far more likely to meet than ones who live far apart, and yet somehow I found myself close to you, with five hundred long miles between us. Further research suggests that our similarities bring us together, and yet every difference I find piques my curiosity and invites me in for further examination. The present study seeks to examine the hypothesis that we are made for each other; a lack of prior research on this topic indicates replication will be required. So I will kiss you again, and again, and again, to ensure that our love is statistically significant. A p-value of less than 0.05 is required to state with confidence that this did not occur by chance, that our manipulated variables were the source of this love, but our obtained values do not allow for this conclusion. As a result, we must state that this is a random occurrence—one of nature's accidents brought on by a random process that has confounded our data. A love unbound by our demand characteristics, a love that, despite the perfectly designed study, has escaped the critical scope of the scientific method. We conclude, therefore, that further research is necessary to draw definitive conclusions regarding the exact nature of our love and the process by which we can explain its occurrence.