

Does birth order really explain how we act?

- 1. Choose one of the famous people below.
- 2. Decide whether that person really fits the picture of a first-born, middle child, or youngest child in the family.
- 3. Give reasons why your person fits or doesn't fit his or her birth order.

Psychologists say...

First-borns are:	Middle children are:	Youngest children are:
confident	easygoing	fun-loving
bossy	social	attention-getters
risk-avoiders	popular	rule-breakers
successful	loyal	rebels

Rajon Rondo—Basketball player Rajon Rondo is a skilled scorer. He loves to steal the ball and throw amazing "no look" passes. Respect is important to Rondo: giving respect, earning respect. But his quick temper can get Rondo into trouble. He has been benched for bumping and pushing refs. Off the court, Rondo is all business. He rarely hangs out with other NBA players. Rajon Rondo is a middle child.

Taylor Swift—Singer Taylor Swift has had some of the biggest hits in pop and country music. A star since the age of 16, Swift is always in the news. Happy to be noticed, Swift spends time with famous friends. Her songs tell the story of her life, like the hit "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together." Swift has made millions with her music and with product deals with Coca-Cola and Target. Taylor Swift is a first-born.

Marta Viera da Silva—Forward Marta is one of the top soccer players in the world. When Marta was growing up in Brazil, soccer was just a boys' game. Marta was tiny but she played with boys and men. She learned to be tough when other kids made fun of her. By age 17, Marta was playing for Brazil in the Women's World Cup. She won the Golden Shoe (best scorer in the world) four times. She isn't afraid of anyone on the field. Marta is a youngest child.

My famous person, ______, □ fits □ doesn't fit his or her birth order.

My reasons are

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