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**Evolved Psychological Mechanisms: 10 Illustrations**

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<b>Psychological Mechanism</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>
1. Fear of snakes	Avoid poison	Marks (1987)
2. Superior Female Spatial- Location Memory	Increase success at foraging/gathering	Silverman and Eals (1992)
3. Male Sexual Jealousy	Increase paternity certainty	Buss, Larsen, Westen, and Semmelroth (1992) Daly, Wilson, and Weghorst (1982)
4. Preference for Foods Rich in Fats and Sugar	Increase caloric intake	Rozin (1976)
5. Female Mate Preference for Economic Resources	Provisioning for children	Buss (1989a, 1989b)
6. Male Mate Preferences for Youth, Attractiveness, and Waist-to-Hip Ratio	Select mates of high fertility	Buss (1989a, 1989b) Singh (1993)
7. Landscape Preferences for Savanna-Like Environments	Motivate individuals to select habitats that provide resources and offer protection	Kaplan (1992) Orians and Heerwagen (1992)
8. Natural Language	Communication and manipulation	Pinker and Bloom (1990)
9. Cheater-Detection Procedure	Prevent being exploited in social contracts	Cosmides (1989)
10. Male Desire for Sexual Variety	Motivate access to more sexual partners	Symons (1979)

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