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It's one of the most sought-after musical skills in the world - perfect pitch, or the ability to name or produce a musical note of a particular pitch without the benefit of a reference note.

As those of us who are musically inclined will know, it's also extremely rare. Less than one in 10,000 people have the skill. But new research from the United States suggests that perfect pitch may in fact be something all children are able to achieve when born.

We speak to the person behind the research, **Professor Diana Deutsch**, at the University of California at San Diego.

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