

Stay wise if face fits

MEN with symmetrical facial features are more likely to stay sharper in old age, a study shows.

Psychologists compared test scores for reasoning and reaction time with facial measurements of 216 men and women studied since 1932.

Men with matching left and right sides were less prone to mental decline from age 79 to 83. No link was found in women.

Study leader Dr Lars Penke, of Edinburgh Uni, said it may indicate fewer diseases, malnutrition or genetic mutations.

He added: "Facial symmetry can be used as a marker which could predict this decline."

