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Level 0

Babies given away on Pakistan TV show

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A TV show gave away two baby girls. A popular celebrity, Aamir Liaquat Hussain, gave the babies to two childless couples. He usually gives away computers. Maybe he gave babies to be more popular during Ramadan. The baby giveaway worked because more people watched his show. He will give away a baby boy next week.

A charity found the babies in the street. It often finds babies there. Some of them are dead or hurt by animals. It wants the babies to get a good home. It talks to new parents many times. New mother Soraya Bilquis waited 17 years for her new baby. She said she was very happy, "because someone will grow up and call me mother."

Sources: <http://english.alarabiya.net/en/special-reports/ramadan-2013/2013/08/02/Pakistani-TV-host-gives-away-babies-on-air-for-Ramadan.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. baby | a. his show |
| 2. a popular | b. couples |
| 3. childless | c. celebrity |
| 4. He usually gives | d. worked |
| 5. be more | e. girls |
| 6. The baby giveaway | f. boy next week |
| 7. more people watched | g. popular during Ramadan |
| 8. He will give away a baby | h. away computers |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A charity found | a. animals |
| 2. in the | b. waited 17 years |
| 3. hurt by | c. up |
| 4. It wants the babies to | d. the babies |
| 5. It talks to new | e. mother |
| 6. New mother Soraya Bilquis | f. parents many times |
| 7. grow | g. street |
| 8. call me | h. get a good home |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A TV show (1) _____ baby girls. A (2) _____, Aamir Liaquat Hussain, gave the babies to two (3) _____. He usually gives away computers. Maybe he gave babies to (4) _____ during Ramadan. The baby (5) _____ because more people watched his show. He (6) _____ a baby boy next week.

A charity found the babies (7) _____. It often finds babies there. Some of them are dead or (8) _____. It wants the babies (9) _____ home. It talks (10) _____ many times. New mother Soraya Bilquis (11) _____ for her new baby. She said she was very happy, "because someone (12) _____ call me mother."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **babies** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
