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## **Level 1**

# **Babies given away on Pakistan TV show**

**4th August, 2013**

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# THE READING

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A TV show in Pakistan gave away two baby girls. The show's host is the popular celebrity Aamir Liaquat Hussain. He gave the babies to two childless couples. He usually gives away computers, bicycles, etc. People think Hussain gave away the babies to be more popular during Ramadan. TV shows try to get more viewers during Ramadan. The baby giveaway worked because more people watched Hussain's show. He will give away a baby boy next week.

A charity rescued the babies from the street. It often finds babies on the street or in garbage bins. Some of them are dead or hurt by animals. It wants the babies to go to a good home. The charity talks to new parents many times. The parents must register with the charity. New mother Soraya Bilquis waited 17 years for her new baby daughter. She said: "I can't describe how happy I am 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>  
<http://edition.cnn.com/2013/07/29/world/asia/pakistan-baby-giveaway>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-23529448>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A charity rescued the            | a. many times             |
| 2. hurt                             | b. happy I am             |
| 3. It wants the babies to           | c. babies from the street |
| 4. The charity talks to new parents | d. with the charity       |
| 5. parents must register            | e. call me mother         |
| 6. waited 17 years for her new      | f. go to a good home      |
| 7. I can't describe how             | g. by animals             |
| 8. someone will grow up and         | h. baby daughter          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A TV show in Pakistan (1) \_\_\_\_\_ baby girls. The show's host is the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Aamir Liaquat Hussain. He gave the babies to two (3) \_\_\_\_\_. He usually gives away computers, bicycles, etc. People think Hussain gave away the babies (4) \_\_\_\_\_ popular during Ramadan. TV shows try to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ during Ramadan. The baby (6) \_\_\_\_\_ because more people watched Hussain's show. He will give away a baby boy next week.

A charity (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from the street. It often finds babies on the street (8) \_\_\_\_\_ bins. Some of them are dead or (9) \_\_\_\_\_. It wants the babies to go to a good home. The charity talks to new parents many times. The parents (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the charity. New mother Soraya Bilquis (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for her new baby daughter. She said: "I can't describe how happy I am because someone (12) \_\_\_\_\_ call me mother."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ATVshowinPakistangaveawaytwobabygirls.Theshow'shostisthepopularcelebrityAamirLiaquatHussain.Hegavethebabiestotwochildlesscouples.Heusuallygivesawaycomputers,bicycles,etc.PeoplethinkHussaingaveawaythebabiestobemorepopularduringRamadan.TVshowstrytogetmoreviewersduringRamadan.ThebabygiveawayworkedbecausemorepeoplewatchedHussain'sshow.Hewillgiveawayababyboynextweek.Acharityrescuedthebabiesfromthestreet.Itoftenfindsbabiesonthestreetoringarbagebins.Someofthemandeadorhurtbyanimals.Itwantsthebabiestogotoagoodhome.Thecharitytalkstonewparentsmanytimes.Theparentsmustregisterwiththecharity.NewmotherSorayaBilquiswaited17yearsforhernewbabydaughter.Shesaid:"Ican'tdescribhowhappyIambecause someone will grow up and call me mother."

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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