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Babies given away on Pakistan TV show

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THE READING

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A talk show in Pakistan gave away two baby girls live on television. The show, called Aman Ramzan, is hosted by popular celebrity Aamir Liaquat Hussain. He gave the infants to two childless couples last month. His show usually gives away computers, motorbikes and other things. People think Mr Hussain gave away the babies so more people would watch his show during Ramadan. TV companies do their best during Ramadan to get people to watch their shows. CNN said the baby giveaway worked for Mr Hussain because more people watched his show. He will give away a baby boy next week.

The babies were abandoned at a Karachi rubbish dump. A charity rescued them. It said it found babies left on the street or in garbage bins. Some of them are dead, while others are hurt by animals. It wants to make sure the babies live and find a good home. The charity does research on the parents. Parents must register and talk with the charity many times. New mother Soraya Bilquis said she waited for 17 years to get a child. She said her new daughter has made her life "complete". 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>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. popular | a. during Ramadan |
| 2. He gave the infants to two childless | b. giveaway worked |
| 3. His show usually gives | c. celebrity |
| 4. more people would watch his show | d. next week |
| 5. get people | e. away computers |
| 6. CNN said the baby | f. his show |
| 7. more people watched | g. to watch their shows |
| 8. He will give away a baby boy | h. couples |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The babies were abandoned at | a. talk with the charity |
| 2. others are hurt | b. her life "complete" |
| 3. It wants to make | c. a Karachi rubbish dump |
| 4. find a | d. call me mother |
| 5. Parents must register and | e. sure the babies live |
| 6. she waited for 17 years | f. good home |
| 7. her new daughter has made | g. by animals |
| 8. someone will grow up and | h. to get a child |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A talk show in Pakistan gave away two baby girls (1) _____. The show, called Aman Ramzan, is hosted (2) _____ Aamir Liaquat Hussain. He gave the infants to (3) _____ last month. His show usually gives away computers, motorbikes and other things. People think Mr Hussain gave away the babies (4) _____ would watch his show during Ramadan. TV companies do their best during Ramadan (5) _____ watch their shows. CNN said the baby giveaway worked for Mr Hussain because more people watched his show. He (6) _____ baby boy next week.

The babies (7) _____ a Karachi rubbish dump. A charity rescued them. It said it found babies (8) _____ or in garbage bins. Some of them are dead, while others (9) _____. It wants to make sure the babies live and find a good home. The charity does research on the parents. Parents (10) _____ talk with the charity many times. New mother Soraya Bilquis said she waited for 17 years to get a child. She said (11) _____ has made her life "complete". She said: "I can't describe how happy I am because someone will (12) _____ 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **babies** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
