

First photos of Prince George

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Britain's royal family released the first official photos of Prince George on Sunday. The photos are a little different because a royal

photographer didn't take them. The photos came from the private family album of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (William and Kate). George's grandfather Michael Middleton took the pictures. One photo shows one-month-old George with his happy parents. They are all standing under a tree. Another snap includes the family dog. Portraits of royal babies have always been taken in royal palaces by professional photographers. The photographer makes a special studio and background. Prince George's photos break this tradition.

Prince George is third in line to the British throne. This means he will be king after his grandfather (Prince Charles) and his father die. Prince William said he is enjoying every minute of being a father, but is looking forward to when his son sleeps all night. He even joked that he wanted to go back to work so he could get some sleep. William told reporters he is a hands-on father. He changed George's very first nappy (diaper) but said his wife did most of the work in the middle of the night. William said his son reminded him of himself when he was a baby. He said of his son: "He wriggles around quite a lot, and he doesn't want to go to sleep that much, which is a little bit of a problem."

Sources: Daily Mirror / The Telegraph

Writing

Royal families are from the past. They are history. There should be no royal families in the 21st Century. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

royal family / official photos / photographer / grandfather / one month old / tradition / king / enjoying every minute / being a father / sleep / middle of the night / reminded

True / False

- Prince George released his first ever photos on Sunday. T / F
- The photos are from the family albums of Prince William. T / F
- A professional royal photographer took the photos. T / F
- Royal baby photos are usually taken inside palaces. T / F
- Prince George will become king after Prince Charles dies. T / F
- Prince George sleeps the whole night through. T / F
- The first person to change Prince George's diaper was his father. T / F
- William said George reminds him of himself when he was a newborn. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. released | a. nuisance |
| 2. private | b. shot |
| 3. photo | c. custom |
| 4. happy | d. issued |
| 5. tradition | e. loving |
| 6. third | f. return |
| 7. enjoying | g. personal |
| 8. go back | h. joyful |
| 9. wriggles | i. number three |
| 10. problem | j. wiggles |

Discussion – Student A

- What kind of life do you think Prince George will have?
- What is it best for babies to wear in photos?
- Should parents put photos of their baby on Facebook?
- Are baby photos better than teenager photos?
- Is a photo of a baby better than a video?
- What do you think of black and white photos of babies?
- What questions would you like to ask Prince George?
- What do you think his answers might be?

Phrase Match

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| 1. the first official | a. includes the family dog |
| 2. a royal photographer didn't | b. his son sleeps all night |
| 3. Another snap | c. this tradition |
| 4. a special studio | d. minute of being a father |
| 5. break | e. around quite a lot |
| 6. George is third in line to | f. photos of Prince George |
| 7. he is enjoying every | g. very first nappy |
| 8. looking forward to when | h. and background |
| 9. He changed George's | i. the British throne |
| 10. He wriggles | j. take them |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Would you like to see more photos of Prince George?
- What do you think of baby photos?
- What were your baby photos like?
- Should a royal photographer have taken the official photos?
- Why are people so interested in royal families?
- Do you like taking photos of babies?
- Is it good Prince William broke the royal baby photo tradition?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. i	7. e	8. f	9. j	10. a

Role Play

Role A – A professional photographer

You think a professional photographer is the best person to take photos of Prince George. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their people. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Prince George's father, a British citizen or a paparazzi photographer.

Role B – Prince George's father

You think Prince George's father is the best person to take photos of Prince George. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their people. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a professional photographer, a British citizen or a paparazzi photographer.

Role C – A British citizen

You think a British citizen is the best person to take photos of George. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their people. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Prince George's father, a professional photographer or a paparazzi photographer.

Role D – A paparazzi photographer

You think a paparazzi photographer is the best person to take photos of George. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their people. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Prince George's father, a British citizen or a professional photographer.

Speaking – Taking pictures

Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put what you like photographing most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • yourself | • buildings |
| • babies | • flowers |
| • kittens | • people |
| • friends | • the countryside |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.