

## Britain's new princess named Charlotte

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Britain's Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have named their newborn baby daughter. The two royals are better known as Prince William and his wife Kate. Their daughter was born on Saturday and since then the world has been waiting to see what the new arrival would be called. The

parents waited two days before they told the world. Their new baby is called Charlotte. She also has two middle names, Elizabeth and Diana. Her official title is Her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte of Cambridge. She is fourth in line to the British throne. This means that if her grandfather (Prince Charles), father, and brother (Prince George) all die, she will be Britain's queen after Queen Elizabeth passes away.

The British public is delighted at the choice of names for the new princess. Most people liked the fact that the names were traditional, and closely linked to members of the royal family. The name Charlotte is the female version of Charles – Prince Charles is her grandfather. There was a Queen Charlotte in the 18th century, who was married to Britain's King George III. The new princess' middle name, Elizabeth, is the same as her great-grandmother, Britain's Queen Elizabeth. Finally, her second middle name, Diana, is that of her grandmother, Diana Princess of Wales, who died in 1997 when Prince William was a child. Tweeter Stephanie Clark said: 'I love that Diana's name is in there. Such a lovely tribute to her.'

Sources: *Daily Mail* / *Daily Telegraph*

## Writing

Royal families are from the past and do not belong in today's world. Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*daughter / royals / waiting / new arrival / middle names / official title / throne / delighted / traditional / female / version / great-grandmother / child / lovely / tribute*

## True / False

- The King and Queen of England now have a new baby daughter. T / F
- Princess Charlotte was born on Sunday afternoon. T / F
- Charlotte's parents told the world her name 2 days after she was born. T / F
- Charlotte's brother's name is Harry. T / F
- Most people in Britain do not like the new baby's name. T / F
- Charlotte is the female name for Charles. T / F
- There was a British Queen Charlotte who lived over 300 years ago. T / F
- Charlotte's middle names are Elizabeth Diana. T / F

## Synonym Match

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. named       | a. name         |
| 2. wife        | b. selection    |
| 3. told        | c. called       |
| 4. title       | d. very pleased |
| 5. passes away | e. lastly       |
| 6. delighted   | f. dies         |
| 7. choice      | g. salute       |
| 8. linked      | h. informed     |
| 9. finally     | i. connected    |
| 10. tribute    | j. spouse       |

## Discussion – Student A

- What do you think of princesses?
- Would you like to be a prince / princess?
- What do you think of Britain's royal family?
- What do you think of the idea of royal families?
- How do royal families become royal families?
- What is your favourite name for a baby?
- What strange names do people give babies?
- What do you think of your name?

## Phrase Match

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. named their newborn          | a. version                |
| 2. the world has                | b. middle names           |
| 3. She also has two             | c. away                   |
| 4. She is fourth                | d. at the choice of names |
| 5. after Queen Elizabeth passes | e. 18th century           |
| 6. delighted                    | f. in line                |
| 7. the names were               | g. baby daughter          |
| 8. the female                   | h. tribute to her         |
| 9. in the                       | i. traditional            |
| 10. Such a lovely               | j. been waiting           |

## Discussion – Student B

- Do you prefer traditional names or modern names?
- What do you think of calling babies after movie stars?
- If you changed your name, what would you choose?
- What do you think of the idea of middle names?
- What do you know about Diana, Princess of Wales?
- Should babies be named after their parents?
- What do you think of the name Charlotte?
- What questions would you like to ask Charlotte's parents?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. c	2. j	3. h	4. a	5. f
6. d	7. b	8. i	9. e	10. g

## Role Play

### Role A – Dolls

You think dolls are most important for a baby princess. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): pink clothes, a nanny or a baby brother.

### Role B – Pink clothes

You think pink clothes are most important for a baby princess. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): dolls, a nanny or a baby brother.

### Role C – A nanny

You think a nanny is most important for a baby princess. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): pink clothes, dolls or a baby brother.

### Role D – A baby brother

You think a baby brother is most important for a baby princess. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): pink clothes, a nanny or dolls.

## Speaking – Princess

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things for a baby princess at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|----------------|-------------------------|
| • dolls        | • pets                  |
| • pink clothes | • a gold bed            |
| • a nanny      | • a baby prince brother |
| • music        | • a fairy godmother     |

### Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	T	d	F	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.