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Level 1 – 12th August, 2021

Smallest ever baby leaves hospital after 13 months

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The world's smallest baby left hospital after 13 months. Yu Xuan weighed 212 grams and was 24 centimeters when she was born. She was born prematurely at around 25 weeks. Doctors gave her a "limited chance of survival". They did everything to help her live. They said: "We are happy...and proud of the care provided by our team. Our best wishes to little Yu Xuan as she continues to grow, thrive and beat the odds every day."

Yu Xuan's mother said: "We are very grateful to the doctors and nurses...for the attentive and wonderful medical care and treatment." Yu Xuan still has problems. She has a lung disease and other medical problems. She has a special machine at home to help her breathe. Her doctors said she would get better. They said she has inspired people because she never gave up. They called her "an extraordinary 'Covid-19' baby" and "a ray of hope".

Sources: <https://www.newsweek.com/smallest-baby-ever-weigh-apple-hospital-singapore-1617455>
<https://www.foxnews.com/health/worlds-smallest-infant-discharged-hospital-13-months>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210812-smallest-ever-baby-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Yu Xuan weighed | a. and proud |
| 2. She was born | b. to grow |
| 3. Doctors gave her a limited | c. 212 grams |
| 4. They did everything | d. odds every day |
| 5. We are happy | e. chance of survival |
| 6. care provided | f. prematurely |
| 7. as she continues | g. by our team |
| 8. beat the | h. to help her live |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. We are very grateful | a. gave up |
| 2. the attentive and wonderful | b. disease |
| 3. She has a lung | c. her breathe |
| 4. other medical | d. of hope |
| 5. a special machine at home to help | e. would get better |
| 6. Her doctors said she | f. to the doctors |
| 7. she never | g. problems |
| 8. a ray | h. medical care |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210812-smallest-ever-baby-1.html>

The world's smallest baby (1) _____ 13 months.

Yu Xuan (2) _____ was 24 centimeters when she was born. She (3) _____ at around 25 weeks.

Doctors gave her a "(4) _____ survival". They did everything to (5) _____. They said: "We are happy...and proud of the care provided by our team. Our best wishes to little Yu Xuan as she continues to grow, thrive and (6) _____ every day."

Yu Xuan's mother said: "We are (7) _____ the doctors and nurses...for the (8) _____ medical care and treatment." Yu Xuan still has problems. She has a lung disease and (9) _____. She has a special machine at home to (10) _____. Her doctors said she would get better. They said she (11) _____ because she never gave up. They called her "an extraordinary 'Covid-19' baby" and "a (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BABIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210812-smallest-ever-baby-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about babies in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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) _____

