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Smallest ever baby leaves hospital after 13 months

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THE ARTICLE

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

The world's smallest baby has left hospital after 13 months. Baby Kwek Yu Xuan weighed just 212 grams when she was born at the Singapore National University Hospital on June the 9th, 2020. She was born prematurely at around 25 weeks. This is a lot earlier than the standard 40 weeks. She measured just 24 centimeters. When she was born, doctors gave her a "limited chance of survival". She spent over a year in hospital. Expert baby doctors did everything they could to keep Yu Xuan alive. Her doctors said: "We are happy for the little fighter and her family, 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 thanked hospital staff for keeping her daughter alive. She gave birth to Yu Xuan early because she had dangerously high blood pressure. She said: "We are very grateful to the doctors and nurses of the hospital neonatal intensive care unit team for the attentive and wonderful medical care and treatment of Yu Xuan." There is a long journey ahead for Yu Xuan as she recovers. She has a serious lung disease and other medical problems. She has a special machine at home to help her breathe. Her doctors said she would slowly get better with time. They added: "She has inspired people around her with her perseverance." They called her "an extraordinary 'Covid-19' baby" and "a ray of hope".

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WARM-UPS

1. BABIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about babies. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

baby / hospital / prematurely / standard / chance / survival / year / doctors / team / staff / early / grateful / intensive care / treatment / lung / breathe / time / ray of hope

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. CUTEST: Students A **strongly** believe there is nothing on Earth cuter than a baby; Students B **strongly** believe there are many things. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SURVIVAL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "survival". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

5. BABIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about babies at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- their laugh
- their smile
- sleeping
- first steps
- first words
- when they cry
- play time
- food time

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. weighed | a. An idea or thing used as a measure, norm, or model. |
| 2. prematurely | b. How heavy or light someone or something is in grams, kilograms, tons, etc. |
| 3. standard | c. Found out the size, amount, or degree of something. |
| 4. measured | d. Restricted in size, amount, or extent. |
| 5. limited | e. Happening before it was time to happen. |
| 6. survival | f. Do very well and grow and do better. |
| 7. thrive | g. Being able to live or exist, usually after accident, ordeal, or other difficult things. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. blood pressure | h. Happy or thankful to or for something or someone. |
| 9. grateful | i. Become well after an illness or injury. |
| 10. attentive | j. How fast or slow blood moves around the body. |
| 11. treatment | k. Paying close attention to something. |
| 12. recover | l. Take air into the lungs and then let it out. |
| 13. breathe | m. Medical care given to a patient for an illness or injury. |
| 14. perseverance | n. Keep going 100% in doing something despite difficulty or delay. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The world's smallest baby weighed less than 250 grams at birth. **T / F**
2. The baby was born prematurely during week 35. **T / F**
3. The baby measured less than 25cm when she was born. **T / F**
4. Doctors said the baby beat the odds on a daily basis. **T / F**
5. The baby's mother suffered from seriously low blood pressure. **T / F**
6. The baby is going on a long journey with her parents. **T / F**
7. The baby needs a machine to help her to breathe. **T / F**
8. Her doctors nicknamed the baby "ray of sunshine". **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. smallest | a. do well |
| 2. prematurely | b. poor |
| 3. standard | c. before time |
| 4. limited | d. gets better |
| 5. thrive | e. focused |
| 6. dangerously | f. encouraged |
| 7. attentive | g. tiniest |
| 8. recovers | h. remarkable |
| 9. inspired | i. perilously |
| 10. extraordinary | j. usual |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. She was born prematurely | a. of survival |
| 2. doctors gave her a limited chance | b. of hope |
| 3. proud of the care provided | c. her daughter alive |
| 4. Our best wishes | d. at around 25 weeks |
| 5. beat the | e. care |
| 6. thanked hospital staff for keeping | f. to little Yu Xuan |
| 7. she had dangerously high | g. by our team |
| 8. medical | h. to help her breathe |
| 9. She has a special machine at home | i. odds |
| 10. a ray | j. blood pressure |

GAP FILL

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

The world's smallest baby has (1) _____ hospital after 13 months. Baby Kwek Yu Xuan weighed (2) _____ 212 grams when she was born at the Singapore National University Hospital on June the 9th, 2020. She was born (3) _____ at around 25 weeks. This is a lot earlier than the standard 40 weeks. She (4) _____ just 24 centimeters. When she was born, doctors gave her a "limited chance of (5) _____". She spent over a year in hospital. Expert baby doctors did everything they could to keep Yu Xuan (6) _____. Her doctors said: "We are happy for the little fighter and her family, and (7) _____ of the care provided by our team. Our best wishes to little Yu Xuan as she continues to grow, thrive and beat the (8) _____ every day."

prematurely

alive

left

odds

measured

just

proud

survival

Yu Xuan's mother (9) _____ hospital staff for keeping her daughter alive. She gave birth to Yu Xuan early because she had dangerously high blood (10) _____. She said: "We are very grateful to the doctors and nurses of the hospital neonatal intensive (11) _____ unit team for the attentive and wonderful medical care and treatment of Yu Xuan." There is a long (12) _____ ahead for Yu Xuan as she recovers. She has a serious lung disease and other (13) _____ problems. She has a special machine at home to help her (14) _____. Her doctors said she would slowly get better with time. They added: "She has (15) _____ people around her with her perseverance." They called her "an extraordinary 'Covid-19' baby" and "a (16) _____ of hope".

medical

care

thanked

inspired

pressure

breathe

ray

journey

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Baby Kwek Yu Xuan weighed just 212 grams when _____
 - a. she was birth
 - b. she was age
 - c. she was arrived
 - d. she was born
- 2) born prematurely at around 25 weeks. This is a lot earlier than the _____
 - a. stand aid 40 weeks
 - b. standing 40 weeks
 - c. standard 40 weeks
 - d. stands did 40 weeks
- 3) When she was born, doctors gave her a "limited _____"
 - a. chanced of survival
 - b. chance of survival
 - c. chance off survival
 - d. chanced off survival
- 4) and her family, and proud of the care provided _____
 - a. buy our team
 - b. by our teamed
 - c. by our team
 - d. by our teaming
- 5) Our best wishes to little Yu Xuan as she continues to grow, thrive and beat the _____
 - a. odd every day
 - b. odds ever day
 - c. odds ever the day
 - d. odds every day
- 6) Yu Xuan's mother thanked hospital staff for keeping _____
 - a. her daughter alive
 - b. her daughter live
 - c. her daughter lively
 - d. her daughter arrive
- 7) She gave birth to Yu Xuan early because she had dangerously _____
 - a. high bloody pressure
 - b. height blood pressure
 - c. highly blood pressure
 - d. high blood pressure
- 8) grateful to the doctors and nurses of the hospital neonatal _____
 - a. intensive care unit
 - b. intensively care unit
 - c. in tents sieve care unit
 - d. intense sieve care unit
- 9) There is a long journey ahead for Yu Xuan _____
 - a. as he recovers
 - b. and she recovers
 - c. as she recovers
 - d. as she recover
- 10) They called her "an extraordinary 'Covid-19' baby" and "a _____"
 - a. ray off hope
 - b. rate of hope
 - c. lay off hope
 - d. ray of hope

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Yu Xuan's mother thanked hospital staff for (7) _____ alive. She gave birth to Yu Xuan early because she had dangerously (8) _____. She said: "We are very grateful to the doctors and nurses of the hospital neonatal intensive (9) _____ for the attentive and wonderful medical care and treatment of Yu Xuan." There is a long journey ahead for Yu Xuan (10) _____. She has a serious lung disease and other medical problems. She has a special machine at home to (11) _____. Her doctors said she would slowly get better with time. They added: "She has inspired people around her with her perseverance." They called her "an extraordinary 'Covid-19' baby" and "a (12) _____".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What was the baby's birth weight?
2. When was the baby born?
3. How long was she when she was born?
4. What chance did doctors give her to survive?
5. What did a doctor say the baby beat every day?
6. What was the mother's blood pressure like when the baby was born?
7. What kind of journey does the baby have ahead of her?
8. What does the baby have at home to help her breathe?
9. Who did doctors say the baby inspired?
10. What did doctors call the baby, besides extraordinary?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What was the baby's birth weight?
 - a) 211 grams
 - b) 212 grams
 - c) 213 grams
 - d) 214 grams
- 2) When was the baby born?
 - a) June the 6th, 2020
 - b) June the 7th, 2020
 - c) June the 8th, 2020
 - d) June the 9th, 2020
- 3) How long was she when she was born?
 - a) 24 centimeters
 - b) 23 centimeters
 - c) 22 centimeters
 - d) 25 centimeters
- 4) What chance did doctors give her to survive?
 - a) fifty-fifty
 - b) a good chance
 - c) a limited chance
 - d) almost no chance
- 5) What did a doctor say the baby beat every day?
 - a) her heart
 - b) the odds
 - c) a drum
 - d) the bed
- 6) What was the mother's blood pressure like when the baby was born?
 - a) 115/70
 - b) very low
 - c) dangerously high
 - d) normal
- 7) What kind of journey does the baby have ahead of her?
 - a) a healthy one
 - b) an exciting one
 - c) a bumpy one
 - d) a long one
- 8) What does the baby have at home to help her breathe?
 - a) a special machine
 - b) oxygen cylinders
 - c) an inhaler
 - d) a special tent
- 9) Who did doctors say the baby inspired?
 - a) people around her
 - b) other babies
 - c) nurses
 - d) other patients
- 10) What did doctors call the baby, besides extraordinary?
 - a) a wonder
 - b) a ray of hope
 - c) magical
 - d) a miracle

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Laughter

You think laughter is the best thing about babies. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): sleeping, first words or play time.

Role B – Sleeping

You think sleeping is the best thing about babies. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): laughter, first words or play time.

Role C – First Words

You think first words is the best thing about babies. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): sleeping, laughter or play time.

Role D – Play Time

You think play time is the best thing about babies. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): sleeping, first words or laughter.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'baby' and 'hospital'.

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| baby | hospital |
|-------------|-----------------|

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• left• just• 40• over• happy• odds | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• alive• high• unit• long• machine• ray |
|--|--|

BABIES SURVEY

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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.

BABIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'baby'?
3. What do you think of babies?
4. How much of a miracle story is this?
5. What kind of baby were you?
6. How hard is it to look after a baby?
7. What would it be like to be a baby doctor?
8. Would you like to be a baby doctor?
9. Have you ever beaten the odds?
10. What advice do you have for the baby's mother?

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BABIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'hospital'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What dangers to newborn babies experience?
15. What do you know about high blood pressure?
16. How is the medical care in your country?
17. How inspirational is the baby?
18. What three adjectives best describe this story?
19. What do you think of doctors and nurses?
20. What questions would you like to ask the parents?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Yu Xuan's mother thanked hospital staff (7) _____ keeping her daughter alive. She gave birth to Yu Xuan early because she had dangerously high blood pressure. She said: "We are very (8) _____ to the doctors and nurses of the hospital neonatal intensive care unit team for the attentive and wonderful medical care and treatment of Yu Xuan." There is a long journey (9) _____ for Yu Xuan as she recovers. She has a serious lung disease and other medical problems. She has a special machine at home to help her (10) _____. Her doctors said she would slowly get better with time. They added: "She has (11) _____ people around her with her perseverance." They called her "an extraordinary 'Covid-19' baby" and "a ray (12) _____ hope".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. | (a) then | (b) following | (c) post | (d) after |
| 2. | (a) mature | (b) maturely | (c) premature | (d) prematurely |
| 3. | (a) long | (b) measured | (c) length | (d) average |
| 4. | (a) for | (b) at | (c) of | (d) on |
| 5. | (a) proud | (b) pride | (c) prod | (d) proudly |
| 6. | (a) odds | (b) strange | (c) evens | (d) fights |
| 7. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) of | (d) for |
| 8. | (a) grateful | (b) great | (c) greatly | (d) gratefully |
| 9. | (a) heading | (b) ahead | (c) headed | (d) header |
| 10. | (a) breathless | (b) breathy | (c) breathe | (d) breather |
| 11. | (a) inspiration | (b) inspiring | (c) inspired | (d) inspirational |
| 12. | (a) lay | (b) ray | (c) bay | (d) day |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. She was born reamyretplu at around 25 weeks
2. a lot earlier than the drdaatns 40 weeks
3. She aredsemu just 24 centimeters
4. doctors gave her a limited chance of iasvvlur
5. proud of the care oiervddp by our team
6. grow, erthvi and beat the odds

Paragraph 2

7. keeping her drgaeltu alive
8. dangerously high blood ueseprrs
9. We are very luftgear to the doctors
10. wonderful medical care and temrtntae
11. There is a long uyjeonr ahead
12. She has nrsiepdi people around her

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () nurses of the hospital neonatal intensive care unit team for the attentive and wonderful medical care and
- (**1**) The world's smallest baby has left hospital after 13 months. Baby Kwek Yu Xuan weighed just 212
- () treatment of Yu Xuan." There is a long journey ahead for Yu Xuan as she recovers. She has a serious lung
- () grams when she was born at the Singapore National University Hospital on June the 9th, 2020. She was born
- () happy for the little fighter and her family, 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."
- () 24 centimeters. When she was born, doctors gave her a "limited chance of survival". She spent over
- () disease and other medical problems. She has a special machine at home to help her breathe. Her doctors said she would
- () perseverance." They called her "an extraordinary 'Covid-19' baby" and "a ray of hope".
- () a year in hospital. Expert baby doctors did everything they could to keep Yu Xuan alive. Her doctors said: "We are
- () slowly get better with time. They added: "She has inspired people around her with her
- () prematurely at around 25 weeks. This is a lot earlier than the standard 40 weeks. She measured just
- () Yu Xuan's mother thanked hospital staff for keeping her daughter alive. She gave birth to Yu Xuan
- () early because she had dangerously high blood pressure. She said: "We are very grateful to the doctors and

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. has world's smallest baby The hospital . left
2. around was at She 25 weeks . prematurely born
3. than 40 earlier standard lot weeks . A the
4. limited Doctors survival . gave a her of chance
5. of team . the by our Proud care provided
6. staff keeping alive . her daughter Thanked for hospital
7. are very We to the grateful doctors .
8. is There long a her . journey for ahead
9. has home special help at a She machine to
10. has her . They inspired people she around said

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The world's smallest baby has *leaving / left hospital* after 13 months. Baby Kwek Yu Xuan weighed just 212 grams when she was *birth / born* at the Singapore National University Hospital on June the 9th, 2020. She was born prematurely at around 25 weeks. This is a *lot / loads* earlier than the standard 40 weeks. She *measurement / measured* just 24 centimeters. When she was born, doctors *gave / giving* her a "limited chance *of / to* survival". She *spent / spends* over a year in hospital. Expert baby doctors did everything they could *to / for* keep Yu Xuan alive. Her doctors said: "We are happy for the little fighter and her family, and *proud / pride* of the care provided by our team. Our best wishes to little Yu Xuan as she continues to grow, thrive and beat the *evens / odds* every day."

Yu Xuan's mother thanked hospital staff *for / to* keeping her daughter alive. She gave birth to Yu Xuan *early / fast* because she had dangerously high blood *pressuring / pressure*. She said: "We are very grateful to the doctors and nurses of the hospital neonatal intensive care unit team for the *attention / attentive* and wonderful medical care and treatment of Yu Xuan." There is a long journey *ahead / heading* for Yu Xuan as she recovers. She has a serious lung disease and other medical *problems / problematic*. She has a special machine *in / at* home to help her breathe. Her doctors said she would slowly get *better / best* with time. They added: "She has *inspiration / inspired* people around her with her perseverance." They *naming / called* her "an extraordinary 'Covid-19' baby" and "a ray of *hope / hopeful*".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ w_rld's sm_ll_st b_by h_s l_ft h_sp_t_l _ft_r 13 m_nths. B_by Kw_k Y_ X__n w__gh_d j_st 212 gr_ms wh_n sh_ w_s b_rn _t th_ S_ng_p_r_ N_t__n_l _n_v_rs_ty H_sp_t_l _n J_n_ th_ 9th 2020. Sh_ w_s b_rn pr_m_t_r_ly _t _r__nd 25 w__ks. Th_s _s _ l_t __rl__r th_n th_ st_nd_rd 40 w__ks. Sh_ m__s_r_d j_st 24 c_nt_m_t_rs. Wh_n sh_ w_s b_rn, d_ct_rs g_v_ h_r _ "l_m_t_d ch_nc_ _f s_rv_v_l". Sh_ sp_nt _v_r _ y__r _n h_sp_t_l. _xp_rt b_by d_ct_rs d_d _v_ryth_ng th_y c__ld t_ k__p Y_ X__n _l_v_. H_r d_ct_rs s__d: "W_ _r_ h_ppy f_r th_ lttl_ f_ght_r _nd h_r f_m_ly, _nd pr__d _f th_ c_r_ pr_v_d_d by __r t__m. __r b_st w_sh_s t_ lttl_ Y_ X__n _s sh_ c_nt_n__s t_ gr_w, thr_v_ _nd b__t th_ _dds _v_ry d_y."

Y_ X__n's m_th_r th_nk_d h_sp_t_l st_ff f_r k__p_ng h_r d_ght_r _l_v_. Sh_ g_v_ b_rth t_ Y_ X__n __rly b_c__s_ sh_ h_d d_ng_r__sly h_gh bl__d pr_ss_r_. Sh_ s__d: "W_ _r_ v_ry gr_t_f_l t_ th_ d_ct_rs _nd n_rs_s _f th_ h_sp_t_l n__n_t_l _nt_ns_v_ c_r_ _n_t t__m f_r th_ _tt_nt_v_ _nd w_nd_rf_l m_d_c_l c_r_ _nd tr__tm_nt _f Y_ X__n." Th_r_ _s _ l_ng j__rn_y _h__d f_r Y_ X__n _s sh_ r_c_v_rs. Sh_ h_s _ s_r__s l_ng d_s__s_ _nd _th_r m_d_c_l pr_bl_ms. Sh_ h_s _ sp_c__l m_ch_n_ _t h_m_ t_ h_lp h_r br__th_. H_r d_ct_rs s__d sh_ w__ld sl_wly g_t b_tt_r w_th t_m_. Th_y _dd_d: "Sh_ h_s _nsp_r_d p__pl_ _r__nd h_r w_th h_r p_rs_v_r_nc_." Th_y c_ll_d h_r "_n _xtr__rd_n_ry 'C_v_d-19' b_by" _nd "_ r_y _f h_p_".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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yu xuan's mother thanked hospital staff for keeping her daughter alive. she gave birth to yu xuan early because she had dangerously high blood pressure. she said: "we are very grateful to the doctors and nurses of the hospital neonatal intensive care unit team for the attentive and wonderful medical care and treatment of yu xuan." there is a long journey ahead for yu xuan as she recovers. she has a serious lung disease and other medical problems. she has a special machine at home to help her breathe. her doctors said she would slowly get better with time. they added: "she has inspired people around her with her perseverance." they called her "an extraordinary 'covid-19' baby" and "a ray of hope".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BABIES: Make a poster about babies. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on babies. Ask him/her three questions about babies. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. g 7. f
8. j 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 212 grams
- June the 9th, 2020
- 24 centimeters
- A limited chance
- The odds
- Dangerously high
- A long one
- A special machine
- People around her
- A ray of hope

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- The world's smallest baby has left hospital.
- She was born prematurely at around 25 weeks.
- A lot earlier than the standard 40 weeks.
- Doctors gave her a limited chance of survival.
- Proud of the care provided by our team.
- Thanked hospital staff for keeping her daughter alive.
- We are very grateful to the doctors.
- There is a long journey ahead for her.
- She has a special machine at home to help.
- They said she has inspired people around her.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)