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Paparazzi hunt for first Beyonce baby photo

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Superstar singer Beyonce and her rapper husband Jay-Z had their first child on Saturday. The new parents are overjoyed at the birth of their baby daughter and said: "We are happy to announce the arrival of our beautiful daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, born on Saturday, January 7, 2012. Her birth was emotional and extremely peaceful, we are in heaven. She was delivered naturally...and it was the best experience of both of our lives." They added: "We are thankful to everyone for all your prayers, well wishes, love and support."

The world's celebrity magazines and paparazzi photographers are now going crazy. They want to be first to get pictures of the newborn. Showbiz reporters believe the couple could get millions of dollars for exclusive photos of Blue Ivy with her parents. Meanwhile, journalists are still reporting on the anger caused by the high level of security in the hospital, which made it difficult for other families to visit their new babies. Father-to-be Neil Coulon complained: "Three times they stopped me from entering or exiting the ICU....I want an apology."

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The new parents are | a. to everyone |
| 2. the birth of their | b. naturally |
| 3. She was delivered | c. support |
| 4. the best experience of | d. baby daughter |
| 5. We are thankful | e. both of our lives |
| 6. well wishes, love and | f. overjoyed |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. celebrity | a. of the newborn |
| 2. going | b. magazines |
| 3. be first to get pictures | c. to-be |
| 4. the high level | d. apology |
| 5. Father- | e. crazy |
| 6. I want an | f. of security |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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The world's _____ and paparazzi photographers are now going crazy. They want to _____ pictures of the newborn. Showbiz reporters believe the couple could get millions of dollars for _____ of Blue Ivy with her parents. Meanwhile, journalists are still reporting on the anger caused by _____ security in the hospital, which _____ for other families to visit their new babies. Father-to-be Neil Coulon complained: "Three times they stopped me from _____ the ICU....I want an apology."

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The world's celebrity magazines and paparazzi photographers are now (7) _____ crazy. They want to be first to get pictures of the (8) _____. Showbiz reporters believe the couple could get millions of dollars for (9) _____ photos of Blue Ivy with her parents. Meanwhile, journalists are still reporting on the anger caused (10) _____ the high level of security in the hospital, which made it difficult (11) _____ other families to visit their new babies. Father-to-be Neil Coulon complained: "Three times they stopped me from entering or (12) _____ the ICU....I want an apology."

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) parent | (b) parenting | (c) parents |
| 2. | (a) announce | (b) announced | (c) announcing |
| 3. | (a) born | (b) birth | (c) birthday |
| 4. | (a) delivery | (b) delivered | (c) delivers |
| 5. | (a) subtracted | (b) multiplied | (c) added |
| 6. | (a) for | (b) at | (c) by |
| 7. | (a) gone | (b) going | (c) go |
| 8. | (a) newly | (b) born | (c) newborn |
| 9. | (a) developed | (b) exclusive | (c) sepia |
| 10. | (a) by | (b) as | (c) to |
| 11. | (a) so | (b) from | (c) for |
| 12. | (a) exiting | (b) exciting | (c) existing |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. Beyonce and her rapper ahunsbd
2. The new parents are ydverojeo
3. announce the lvrraia
4. extremely euecpalf
5. We are kftnhalu to everyone
6. love and urtpsop

Paragraph 2

7. litebercy magazines
8. first to get tecripus
9. Inlsioim of dollars
10. high level of uirteycs
11. entering or xetiign
12. I want an goapoyl

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () announce the arrival of our beautiful daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, born on Saturday, January 7, 2012. Her birth
- () to everyone for all your prayers, well wishes, love and support."
- () difficult for other families to visit their new babies. Father-to-be Neil Coulon complained: "Three
- () crazy. They want to be first to get pictures of the newborn. Showbiz reporters believe the
- () was emotional and extremely peaceful, we are in heaven. She was delivered
- () naturally...and it was the best experience of both of our lives." They added: "We are thankful
- (**1**) Superstar singer Beyonce and her rapper husband Jay-Z had their first child on Saturday. The new
- () The world's celebrity magazines and paparazzi photographers are now going
- () still reporting on the anger caused by the high level of security in the hospital, which made it
- () couple could get millions of dollars for exclusive photos of Blue Ivy with her parents. Meanwhile, journalists are
- () times they stopped me from entering or exiting the ICU....I want an apology."
- () parents are overjoyed at the birth of their baby daughter and said: "We are happy to

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. husband rapper her and Beyonce singer Superstar.

2. parents birth are overjoyed The at new the.

3. the announce to happy are We arrival.

4. both The of best our experience lives of.

5. to thankful are We everyone.

6. going now are Photographers crazy.

7. first They to want get to pictures be.

8. couple The dollars of millions get could.

9. The in high the level hospital of security.

10. me stopped They exiting or entering from.

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. _____

WRITING

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Write about babies for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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. BABIES: Search the Internet and find more information about babies. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Beyonce's baby. Include an imaginary interview with her and the baby. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

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 Beyonce. Ask her three questions about Blue Ivy. Give her three of your opinions on the baby's name. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.