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Glenda

Billy

Mum

Dad

Aunt Bessie

Uncle Albert
Glenda’s Baby Brother

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Glenda covered her ears and sat behind the big chair.

“Why are you covering your ears?” Uncle Albert asked when he saw her.

“So I can’t hear it,” Glenda snapped, and she pointed to Billy’s cot.

“But I thought you wanted a baby brother,” Uncle Albert said.

“Not that one,” Glenda grumbled.

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**Practice questions**

A Why was Glenda covering her ears?

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B Glenda says, “Not that one”. Who is she talking about?

☐ her uncle  ☐ her mum

☐ her brother  ☐ her aunt
The doorbell rang and Billy started to cry.

Mum came out of the kitchen.

Aunt Bessie came down from the bedroom, and Dad got up from the sofa.

It was Mrs Wilson to see Mum.

1. When did Billy start to cry?

2. Who came to see Mum?

- [ ] Aunt Bessie
- [ ] Dad
- [ ] Mrs Wilson
- [ ] Billy
Mrs Wilson had a big present for Billy and a present for Glenda, too.

“And where is Glenda?” Mrs Wilson asked while she was tickling Billy.

“Nowhere,” Glenda snarled from behind the chair.

So Mrs Wilson left Glenda’s present on the table.

3a Where did Glenda say she was?

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3b Where was she really?

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4 Which word tells you that Glenda felt cross?

☐ present  ☐ tickling

☐ asked  ☐ snarled
Billy cried all morning. Aunt Bessie picked him up and patted him. Mum gave him a bottle, and Dad carried him all around the house. Uncle Albert made funny faces.

But at lunchtime Billy was still crying.

“Oh dear,” Mum said suddenly.
“Where’s Glenda? She must be starving.”

5  Why did Uncle Albert make funny faces?

6  Why did Mum say “Oh dear”?

☐ because Billy was asleep  ☐ because Mum had forgotten about Glenda

☐ because Mum was hungry  ☐ because Dad was cross
Glenda was in her room.

“How about a sandwich?” asked Mum.

Glenda turned away. “I can’t see you.”

Mum sat down on the edge of the bed, Glenda slid off the other side and walked out of the door.

7 What did Mum want Glenda to do?

☐ go to sleep ☐ have some lunch
☐ read a book ☐ give Billy his bottle

8 Why did Glenda say “I can’t see you”?

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Late in the afternoon Glenda came into the kitchen.

“I’m going to have my bath now, and then I’m going to bed.”

“That’s nice, dear,” Mum said quickly over her shoulder.

Billy was still screaming.

Dad was waiting outside the bathroom when Glenda opened the door. “Aunt Bessie made pasta for dinner, Glenda, especially for you.”

“Not hungry,” Glenda grumbled, and she disappeared into her room.
9  What was Billy doing?

☐ eating  ☐ playing

☐ sleeping  ☐ screaming

10  Who had cooked food for Glenda?

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11  Why didn’t Glenda want to have dinner?

☐ because she didn’t like pasta  ☐ because she didn’t like Aunt Bessie

☐ because she was feeling upset  ☐ because she had just eaten

12  Where did Glenda go after her bath?

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In the middle of the night Glenda heard Billy moving around in his cot. She got out of bed and marched across the hall to Billy’s room.

“No more crying,” she said sternly. Billy looked at her and yawned.

“I mean it,” she added.

Billy rubbed his face and stuck out his tongue.

“You’re funny,” she said.

13 Why did Glenda **march** to Billy’s room?

14 What did Billy do?

- [ ] cry
- [ ] sleep
- [ ] yawn
- [ ] laugh
Billy stuffed his hand into his mouth and sneezed, and Glenda laughed because she couldn’t help it. But Billy didn’t cry.

Glenda stuck her fingers in her ears, and he still didn’t cry. She turned on the light, and Billy gurgled. So she sat in the rocking chair and read him some stories.

15 Why did Glenda laugh at Billy?

[ ] because she didn’t like him

[ ] because she pulled a funny face

[ ] because she thought he looked funny

[ ] because she was tired

16 What did Glenda do next?

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In the morning Mum found them both asleep. “Breakfast, anyone?” she whispered.

Glenda opened her eyes. She was really hungry. “Can I give Billy his bottle?” she asked, and she patted Billy’s head.

“How nice,” Mum said. “Can I give you a hug?”

“Soon,” Glenda answered, and she went downstairs for breakfast.

17 Why did Mum whisper?

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18 In the story, do you think that Glenda’s feelings about Billy changed?

☐ yes ☐ no

Why do you think that?

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Ruby’s Baby Book

This is Ruby Dyson. She is nearly two years old and lives with her mum, sister and grandma.

When she was born, Ruby’s grandma made a special book all about her. She called it Ruby’s Baby Book. It is filled with lots of photographs and information about Ruby’s first year.

In this section you will find all sorts of facts about Ruby, like how much she weighed when she was born, and when she first started to walk.

Practice questions

A Who made Ruby's Baby Book?

☐ Ruby’s sister ☐ Ruby’s mum

☐ Ruby ☐ Ruby’s grandma

B What is in Ruby’s Baby Book?

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Birth Facts

Name: Ruby Dyson
Date of birth: 8th August 1999
Time of birth: 7 o’clock in the morning, just before breakfast!
Place of birth: City General Hospital
Weight: 3 Kilograms - about three bags of sugar
Colour of eyes: dark brown, like conkers
Colour of hair: dark brown and really soft and curly
About the baby: Ruby’s so beautiful. She looks just like her mum. I love watching her when she’s asleep.
1 What time of day was Ruby born?

☐ in the afternoon  ☐ at lunchtime

☐ in the morning  ☐ at night

2 What did Ruby’s grandma like doing when Ruby was asleep?

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3 Who did Ruby look like?

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4 What does this page of the book tell you about?

☐ what Ruby likes doing  ☐ all about Ruby’s family

☐ the day Ruby was born  ☐ Ruby’s first birthday party
We saved the band that the nurses put around Ruby’s ankle. The nurses didn’t know that she was called Ruby, so they wrote Baby Dyson, instead.

Our friends were very kind. We got lots of cards. Some of them even sent flowers, balloons and toys.

5 Why did the nurses write **Baby Dyson** on the band?

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6 Why did Ruby’s grandma think that her friends were **kind**?

- [ ] They liked Ruby’s Mum and Dad.
- [ ] They helped to look after Ruby.
- [ ] They came to visit Ruby’s family.
- [ ] They sent cards to Ruby’s family.
Ruby’s got so many toys but this yellow duck is her favourite. I think she likes it because it’s soft and fluffy.

Here’s Ruby with her big sister, Sophie. Sophie was so excited when Ruby was born.

Ruby can move really quickly on her hands and knees. When she started to crawl she began exploring everywhere. We had to keep an eye on her!

7  Who is Sophie?

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8  Why did Ruby’s family have to keep an eye on her?

☐ because she was really excited     ☐ because she started to crawl

☐ because she had lots of toys       ☐ because she had a big sister
## Ruby’s First Year

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<td>Her mum was tucking her into bed and she opened her eyes and gave a great big smile.</td>
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<td>6 months</td>
<td>Her gums are red and have been hurting her for weeks but she’s finally got one tooth.</td>
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<td>11 months</td>
<td>Ruby can make five or six really wobbly steps. Then she falls on her bottom!</td>
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<td>12 months</td>
<td>She’s been making noises for months, but now we can tell when she wants mummy!</td>
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9  How old was Ruby when she started to walk?

- [ ] 1 month
- [ ] 5 months
- [ ] 12 months
- [ ] 11 months

10  What was Ruby’s first word?

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11  Why do you think Ruby’s grandma made this book?

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12  **Think about all you have read.**

This booklet is called *A Brand New Baby*.

Choose another good title for the booklet.

- [ ] My Big Brother
- [ ] All About Babies
- [ ] Baby’s First Tooth
- [ ] My Favourite Toy
Once upon a time there was a little dog called Mr Davies. All day long he stayed in his garden.

He sniffed the smells and dug holes in the flower beds.

He ate his meals, and when it rained he slept in his kennel.

Practice questions

A  Which words tell you this is the beginning of a story?

B  What did Mr Davies do when it rained?

- He ate his meals.
- He sniffed the smells.
- He slept in his kennel.
- He dug holes in the flower beds.
Next door to Mr Davies lived a baby.

Every single day, the baby and his mother went out for a walk.

“Hello, Mr Davies,” the baby’s mother said. The baby clapped his hands and laughed and Mr Davies wagged his tail. Mr Davies watched them go down the road and wished he could go with them.

1  Who lived next door to Mr Davies?

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2  What did Mr Davies do when he saw the baby?

☐ He laughed. ☐ He went next door.

☐ He clapped his hands. ☐ He wagged his tail.
Then one day, Mr Davies found he could squeeze right under the gate, and he came out to meet the baby.

The baby was very excited. So was Mr Davies, and he jumped about and wagged his tail. “Nice dog,” said the baby’s mother. “Now go home, Mr Davies.”

But Mr Davies was much too excited to listen. He just wagged his tail harder and followed them down the road.

Mr Davies was very good until he saw some ducks.

“Mr Davies, come here!” shouted the baby’s mother.

3 How did Mr Davies get out of the garden?

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4 What did the baby’s mother want Mr Davies to do?

☐ make the baby laugh ☐ chase the ducks

☐ go home ☐ dig holes
The next day Mr Davies went for a walk with the baby again, But this time he chased a cat.

And the next day Mr Davies saw a man on a bicycle and chased him up the road.

People asked the baby’s mother, “Is this your dog?”
“No, he is not,” she said.

5 Write down 2 other things Mr Davies chased.
   a) …ducks…
   b) ……………
   c) ……………

6 Why did people ask the baby’s mother “Is this your dog”?  
   He was always with them.  He lived with her.
   He chased the cat as well.  She had him on a lead.
One day the baby’s mother went next door.

“Please could you stop Mr Davies getting out of the garden?” she asked.

The next day Mr Davies ran to meet the baby and the baby held out his arms.

But just as Mr Davies got to the gate he came to a sudden STOP.

Poor Mr Davies had been tied to his kennel!

He barked and barked but he could not get free.
7 Why did the baby’s mother want Mr Davies to stay in the garden?

8 Why do you think **STOP** is written in capital letters?

- because it is the last word
- because of the baby
- to show how suddenly he stopped
- so Mr Davies couldn’t get out

9 Why does it say **Poor Mr Davies**?

10 Why did Mr Davies bark and bark?

- He wanted his dinner.
- He wanted his kennel.
- He saw a cat.
- He wanted to be set free.
The baby and his mother set off down the road. Soon they couldn’t hear Mr Davies barking any more. The baby was sad. Even the baby’s mother was sorry that Mr Davies had been tied up.

It was very quiet.

Then suddenly they heard a SMASHING and a BANGING and a happy BARKING coming towards them. It was Mr Davies...

… and he was bringing his kennel with him!

The very next day the baby and his mother bought Mr Davies a beautiful lead.

Now he goes walking with them every day, and everyone is happy, even the ducks!
11  Why did the baby’s mother feel sorry for Mr Davies?

☐ Mr Davies was hungry.  ☐ Mr Davies was chasing ducks.

☐ Mr Davies was tied up.  ☐ Mr Davies was asleep.

12  How do you think Mr Davies felt as he come towards them?

☐ excited  ☐ quiet

☐ sad  ☐ sorry

13  a) At the end, why was Mr Davies happy?

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b) Why were the ducks happy?

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14  Choose another good title for the story.

☐ The Baby and the Cat  ☐ Mr Davies Goes on Holiday

☐ Boys and Girls  ☐ Mr Davies Breaks Free