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THE ARTICLE

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A newborn baby boy is alive after spending 40 hours in a sewer in an apartment building in Alicante, Spain. Firefighters rescued the baby from under a manhole cover. The child was wrapped in a plastic bag with a hole in it so he could breathe. A man from the apartment building called the police after he heard a sound coming from the sewer. He told reporters his story of what happened, saying: "I thought it was a cat that was trapped and that the baby's crying was its meowing. The noise went on for ages so I called the police. One of the firefighters saw one of his tiny feet and realised it wasn't a cat but a child." The baby boy, who weighs 2.1kg, is now safe in hospital. He has a broken arm and a few other injuries.

Spanish police arrested the 26-year-old mother of the baby soon after he was found. She is being charged with attempted murder for trying to kill her son. Police have not yet named the woman. Police officers said she went to a local hospital after she gave birth and told nurses she had suffered a miscarriage. She then told the police that she pushed her baby down a drain because she was too poor to pay for an abortion. Police are now trying to find out if she acted alone or if someone helped her. Last month, emergency workers in eastern China had to rescue a newborn baby after it became stuck in a sewer pipe. Its mother tried to give birth in secret and said the baby slipped down the toilet.

Sources: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/23/baby-rescued-from-drain-spain-alicante_n_3486786.html?utm_hp_ref=world
<http://news.sky.com/story/1107242/newborn-baby-rescued-from-drains-in-alicante>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-23021608>

WARM-UPS

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

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

newborn baby / rescue / plastic bag / baby's crying / firefighters / hospital / injuries / arrested / attempted murder / gave birth / too poor / emergency workers / in secret

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

3. BABIES: What are the best things to get for babies? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What?	Why?
Toy		
Book		
Clothes		
Video		
Food		
Baby room		

4. GIRLS & BOYS: Students A **strongly** believe baby girls are better than baby boys; Students B **strongly** believe boys are better. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. BABY TIMES: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best times for a baby at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the first day
- one week
- one month
- two months
- six months
- 12 months
- 18 months
- two years

6. BOY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'boy'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. A baby was found in a sewer under a restaurant. | T / F |
| b. The baby was covered in a plastic bag when firefighters found him. | T / F |
| c. A man called the police because he thought he heard a cat. | T / F |
| d. The baby had a broken leg but no other injuries. | T / F |
| e. The mother of the baby boy is now in a police station. | T / F |
| f. The mother told a local hospital that she had never been pregnant. | T / F |
| g. Police are investigating if someone helped the mother do what she did. | T / F |
| h. The woman said she copied what a woman in eastern China did. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1. alive | a. had |
| 2. rescued | b. wounds |
| 3. wrapped | c. worked |
| 4. ages | d. covered |
| 5. injuries | e. saved |
| 6. arrested | f. nearby |
| 7. local | g. a long time |
| 8. suffered | h. jammed |
| 9. acted | i. living |
| 10. stuck | j. put in jail |

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

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. in an apartment | a. on for ages |
| 2. a plastic bag with a hole in it | b. a miscarriage |
| 3. I thought it was a cat | c. a few other injuries |
| 4. The noise went | d. named the woman |
| 5. He has a broken arm and | e. murder |
| 6. She is being charged with attempted | f. alone |
| 7. Police have not yet | g. that was trapped |
| 8. told nurses she had suffered | h. building |
| 9. find out if she acted | i. birth in secret |
| 10. Its mother tried to give | j. so he could breathe |

GAP FILL

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A newborn baby boy is alive after (1) _____ 40 hours in a sewer in an apartment building in Alicante, Spain. Firefighters (2) _____ the baby from under a manhole cover. The child was wrapped in a plastic bag with a hole in it so he could (3) _____. A man from the apartment building called the police after he heard a sound (4) _____ from the sewer. He told reporters his story of what happened, saying: "I thought it was a cat that was (5) _____ and that the baby's crying was its meowing. The noise went on for (6) _____ so I called the police. One of the firefighters saw one of his (7) _____ feet and realised it wasn't a cat but a child." The baby boy, who weighs 2.1kg, is now safe in hospital. He has a broken arm and a few other (8) _____.

ages
breathe
spending
injuries
trapped
tiny
rescued
coming

Spanish police (9) _____ the 26-year-old mother of the baby soon after he was found. She is being charged with attempted (10) _____ for trying to kill her son. Police have not yet named the woman. Police officers said she went to a (11) _____ hospital after she gave birth and told (12) _____ she had suffered a miscarriage. She then told the police that she pushed her baby down a drain because she was too (13) _____ to pay for an abortion. Police are now trying to find out if she (14) _____ alone or if someone helped her. Last month, emergency workers in eastern China had to rescue a newborn baby after it became (15) _____ in a sewer pipe. Its mother tried to give birth in (16) _____ and said the baby slipped down the toilet.

poor
stuck
nurses
murder
secret
arrested
acted
local

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) Firefighters rescued the baby from under _____
 - a. a manhole covers
 - b. a manhole covered
 - c. a manhole cover
 - d. a manhole covering
- 2) The child was wrapped in a plastic bag with a hole in it _____
 - a. so he could breath
 - b. so he could breathing
 - c. so he could breeze
 - d. so he could breathe
- 3) I thought it was a cat that was trapped and that the baby's crying _____
 - a. was its meowing
 - b. was its barking
 - c. was its purring
 - d. was its growling
- 4) One of the firefighters saw one _____
 - a. of his tie knee feet
 - b. of his tiny foot
 - c. of his tinny feet
 - d. of his tiny feat
- 5) He has a broken arm and a _____
 - a. few other injuries
 - b. few other injures
 - c. few other in juries
 - d. few other injure he's
- 6) police arrested the 26-year-old mother of the baby soon _____
 - a. after he was fund
 - b. after he was found
 - c. after he was bound
 - d. after he was founded
- 7) She then told the police that she pushed her baby _____
 - a. downer drain
 - b. down the drain
 - c. down a drain
 - d. down as drain
- 8) find out if she acted alone or if _____
 - a. someone helped her
 - b. someone helper her
 - c. someone helping her
 - d. someone helps her
- 9) rescue a newborn baby after it became _____
 - a. stuck in a pipe sewer
 - b. stuck in a sewer pipe
 - c. stuck in a sower pipe
 - d. stuck in a sewer pipes
- 10) Its mother tried to give _____
 - a. birth on secret
 - b. birth by secret
 - c. birth at secret
 - d. birth in secret

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Spanish police arrested the 26-year-old mother of the baby soon after he was found. She is being (7) _____ murder for trying to kill her son. Police have not (8) _____. Police officers said she went to a local hospital (9) _____ and told nurses she had suffered a miscarriage. She then told the police that she pushed her baby down a drain because she (10) _____ for an abortion. Police are now trying to find (11) _____ or if someone helped her. Last month, emergency workers in eastern China had to rescue a newborn baby after it became stuck in a sewer pipe. Its mother tried (12) _____ and said the baby slipped down the toilet.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. In which city did this story happen?

2. Who rescued the baby boy?

3. What was the baby wrapped in?

4. What sound did a neighbour think he heard?

5. What was the baby's biggest injury?

6. How old is the baby's mother?

7. What did the police charge the mother with?

8. Where did the woman go after having the baby?

9. What are police now investigating?

10. What did a mother in China try to do?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130625-newborn_baby.html

1. In which city did this story happen?
 - a) Alicante
 - b) Los Angeles
 - c) Barcelona
 - d) London
2. Who rescued the baby boy?
 - a) neighbours
 - b) nurses
 - c) firefighters
 - d) the police
3. What was the baby wrapped in?
 - a) a towel
 - b) a plastic bag
 - c) his mother's T-shirt
 - d) a piece of carpet
4. What sound did a neighbour think he heard?
 - a) a cow mooing
 - b) a bird tweeting
 - c) a dog barking
 - d) a cat meowing
5. What was the baby's biggest injury?
 - a) a broken arm
 - b) broken ribs
 - c) a fractured skull
 - d) cuts and bruises
6. How old is the baby's mother?
 - a) 36
 - b) 46
 - c) 16
 - d) 26
7. What did the police charge the mother with?
 - a) murder
 - b) attempted murder
 - c) manslaughter
 - d) kidnapping
8. Where did the woman go after having the baby?
 - a) a local park
 - b) her friend's house
 - c) the police station
 - d) a nearby hospital
9. What are police now investigating?
 - a) another case of a baby disappearing
 - b) the safety of the sewer pipes
 - c) whether or not the woman acted alone
 - d) how poor the woman was
10. What did a mother in China try to do?
 - a) rescue her newborn baby
 - b) give birth in secret
 - c) slip down a toilet
 - d) sell her baby

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Toys person

You think toys are the best present for a newborn baby. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their presents. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): books, clothes or an investment.

Role B – Books person

You think books is the best present for a newborn baby. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their presents. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): toys, clothes or an investment.

Role C – Clothes person

You think clothes is the best present for a newborn baby. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their presents. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): books, toys or an investment.

Role D – Investment person

You think an investment is the best present for a newborn baby. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their presents. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): books, clothes or toys.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

baby	boy
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- 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">• building• plastic• sound• story• noise• safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 26• kill• local• alone• emergency• secret
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NEWBORN BABIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about newborn 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.

NEWBORN BABIES DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'baby'?
- c) What do you think of this story?
- d) What will happen to the baby from now?
- e) How surprised are you the baby survived for 40 hours? Why?
- f) What three adjectives best describe this story?
- g) What name would you give to this baby (and why)?
- h) What do you think the firefighter thought when he saw the tiny feet?
- i) How lucky is this baby?
- j) What do you think of newborn babies?

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NEWBORN BABIES DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you think of the baby's mother?
- c) What sentence should she get in court?
- d) Are you good with babies?
- e) What do babies think about?
- f) Which is better – a baby boy or baby girl?
- g) What dangers does a newborn baby face in its first few weeks?
- h) What is the most amazing thing about babies?
- i) What do you do if a baby doesn't stop crying?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a newborn baby?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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A newborn baby boy is alive (1) _____ spending 40 hours in a sewer in an apartment building in Alicante, Spain. Firefighters rescued the baby from under a manhole cover. The child was (2) _____ in a plastic bag with a hole in it so he could (3) _____. A man from the apartment building called the police after he heard a sound (4) _____ from the sewer. He told reporters his story of what happened, saying: "I thought it was a cat that was trapped and that the baby's crying was its meowing. The noise went on for (5) _____ so I called the police. One of the firefighters saw one of his tiny feet and realised it wasn't a cat but a child." The baby boy, who (6) _____ 2.1kg, is now safe in hospital. He has a broken arm and a few other injuries.

Spanish police arrested the 26-year-old mother of the baby soon after he was found. She is (7) _____ charged with attempted murder for trying to kill her son. Police have not yet (8) _____ the woman. Police officers said she went to a local hospital after she gave birth and told nurses she had suffered a miscarriage. She then told the police that she pushed her baby down a drain because she was (9) _____ poor to pay for an abortion. Police are now trying to find out if she (10) _____ alone or if someone helped her. Last month, emergency workers in eastern China had to rescue a newborn baby after it became (11) _____ in a sewer pipe. Its mother tried to give birth (12) _____ secret and said the baby slipped down the toilet.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) before | (b) later | (c) then | (d) after |
| 2. | (a) wraps | (b) wrapped | (c) wrapping | (d) wrapper |
| 3. | (a) breath | (b) breathes | (c) breathe | (d) breathing |
| 4. | (a) coming | (b) going | (c) volume | (d) loudly |
| 5. | (a) ago | (b) age | (c) ages | (d) aged |
| 6. | (a) weight | (b) weighs | (c) weights | (d) weighing |
| 7. | (a) been | (b) be | (c) was | (d) being |
| 8. | (a) named | (b) titled | (c) labeled | (d) given |
| 9. | (a) so | (b) very | (c) too | (d) much |
| 10. | (a) did | (b) acted | (c) took | (d) carried out |
| 11. | (a) sticking | (b) sticker | (c) sticky | (d) stuck |
| 12. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) by | (d) to |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. in an apartment dilugnib
2. Firefighters cedreus the baby
3. The child was perapwd in a plastic bag
4. so he could arhebte
5. shegwi 2.1kg
6. a few other urnjsii

Paragraph 2

7. police reretasd the 26-year-old mother
8. charged with attempted edurmr
9. after she gave ibrth
10. told uressn she had
11. find out if she acted aoenl
12. nceeeygm workers in eastern China

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () bag with a hole in it so he could breathe. A man from the apartment building called the police after he heard a sound
- () out if she acted alone or if someone helped her. Last month, emergency workers in eastern China had to
- () coming from the sewer. He told reporters his story of what happened, saying: "I thought it was a cat that was
- () weighs 2.1kg, is now safe in hospital. He has a broken arm and a few other injuries.
- () the police. One of the firefighters saw one of his tiny feet and realised it wasn't a cat but a child." The baby boy, who
- () pushed her baby down a drain because she was too poor to pay for an abortion. Police are now trying to find
- () in Alicante, Spain. Firefighters rescued the baby from under a manhole cover. The child was wrapped in a plastic
- (**1**) A newborn baby boy is alive after spending 40 hours in a sewer in an apartment building
- () tried to give birth in secret and said the baby slipped down the toilet.
- () rescue a newborn baby after it became stuck in a sewer pipe. Its mother
- () trapped and that the baby's crying was its meowing. The noise went on for ages so I called
- () hospital after she gave birth and told nurses she had suffered a miscarriage. She then told the police that she
- () murder for trying to kill her son. Police have not yet named the woman. Police officers said she went to a local
- () Spanish police arrested the 26-year-old mother of the baby soon after he was found. She is being charged with attempted

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. plastic was bag wrapped in The a child.

2. police man apartment the A the called from building.

3. police the called I so ages for on went noise The.

4. boy, The hospital weighs safe is baby 2.1kg, in who now.

5. He broken a injuries a and other has arm few.

6. is murder with being She attempted charged.

7. gave went local she She a after birth to hospital.

8. pushed she that police the Told drain a down baby her.

9. find alone out if Trying she to acted.

10. Its birth mother in tried secret to give.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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A newborn baby boy is alive after *spending / spent* 40 hours in a sewer in an apartment building in Alicante, Spain. Firefighters rescued the baby from under a manhole cover. The child was *wrapper / wrapped* in a plastic bag with a hole in it so he could *breath / breathe*. A man from the apartment building called the police after he heard a *sound / sounds* coming from the sewer. He told reporters his story of *what / how* happened, saying: "I thought it was a cat that was *trapping / trapped* and that the baby's crying was its *meowing / barking*. The noise went on for *long / ages* so I called the police. One of the firefighters saw one of his tiny *foot / feet* and realised it wasn't a cat but a child." The baby boy, who *weights / weighs* 2.1kg, is now safe in hospital. He has a broken arm and a few other injuries.

Spanish police *arrest / arrested* the 26-year-old mother of the baby soon after he was found. She is *being / been* charged with attempted murder for trying to *kill / killing* her son. Police have not yet *titled / named* the woman. Police officers said she went to a local hospital after she *did / gave* birth and told nurses she had suffered a miscarriage. She then *said / told* the police that she pushed her baby down a drain because she was *too / very* poor to pay for an abortion. Police are now trying to find out if she *did / acted* alone or if someone helped her. Last month, emergency workers in eastern China had to rescue a newborn baby after it became *sticking / stuck* in a sewer pipe. Its mother tried to give birth *in / on* secret and said the baby slipped down the toilet.

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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_ n_wb_rn b_by b_y _s _l_v_ _ft_r sp_nd_ng 40 h__rs
_n _s_w_r _n _n _p_rtm_nt b__ld_ng _n _l_c_nt_,
Sp__n. F_r_f_ght_rs r_sc__d th_ b_by fr_m _nd_r _
m_nh_l_ c_v_r. Th_ ch_ld w_s wr_pp_d _n _pl_st_c
b_g_w_th _h_l_ _n_t_s_ h_c__ld br__th_. _m_n fr_m
th_ _p_rtm_nt b__ld_ng c_ll_d th_ p_l_c_ _ft_r h_
h__rd _s__nd c_m_ng fr_m th_ s_w_r. H_ t_ld
r_p_rts h_s st_ry _f wh_t h_pp_n_d, s_y_ng: "_
th__ght _t w_s _c_t th_t w_s tr_pp_d _nd th_t th_
b_by's cry_ng w_s _ts m__w_ng. Th_n _s_w_nt _n fr_
_g_s s_ _c_ll_d th_ p_l_c_. _n _f th_ f_r_f_ght_rs
s_w _n _f h_s t_ny f__t _nd r__l_s_d _t w_sn't _c_t
b_t _ch_ld." Th_ b_by b_y, wh_ w__ghs 2.1kg, _s n_w
s_f _n h_sp_t_l. H_h_s _br_k_n _rm _nd _f_w _th_r
_nj_r__s.

Sp_n_sh p_l_c_ _rr_st_d th_ 26-y__r-_ld m_th_r _f th_
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w_th _tt_mpt_d m_rdr_f_r try_ng t_ k_ll h_r s_n.
P_l_c_ h_v_n_t_y_t_n_m_d th_ w_m_n. P_l_c_ _ff_c_rs
s__d sh_w_nt t_ _l_c_l h_sp_t_l _ft_r sh_g_v_b_rth
_nd t_ld n_rs_s sh_h_d s_ff_r_d _m_sc_rr__g_. Sh_
th_n t_ld th_ p_l_c_ th_t sh_p_sh_d h_r b_by d_wn _
dr__n b_c__s sh_w_s t__p_r_t_p_y_f_r_n
_b_rt__n. P_l_c_ _r_n_w try_ng t_f_nd __t_f sh_
_ct_d _l_n_ _r_f_s_m__n_h_lp_d h_r. L_st m_nth,
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130625-newborn_baby.html

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spanish police arrested the 26-year-old mother of the baby soon after he was found she is being charged with attempted murder for trying to kill her son police have not yet named the woman police officers said she went to a local hospital after she gave birth and told nurses she had suffered a miscarriage she then told the police that she pushed her baby down a drain because she was too poor to pay for an abortion police are now trying to find out if she acted alone or if someone helped her last month emergency workers in eastern china had to rescue a newborn baby after it became stuck in a sewer pipe its mother tried to give birth in secret and said the baby slipped down the toilet

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 story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. SURVIVAL: Write a magazine article about the survival of the baby boy. Include imaginary interviews with the neighbour who called the police, and a firefighter who rescued the baby.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. 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.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to a baby expert. Ask him/her three questions about newborn babies. Give him/her three ideas on how to help the baby found in the sewer. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d F e T f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1. alive | a. living |
| 2. rescued | b. saved |
| 3. wrapped | c. covered |
| 4. ages | d. a long time |
| 5. injuries | e. wounds |
| 6. arrested | f. put in jail |
| 7. local | g. nearby |
| 8. suffered | h. had |
| 9. acted | i. worked |
| 10. stuck | j. jammed |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Alicante
2. Firefighters
3. A plastic bag
4. A cat meowing
5. A broken arm
6. 26
7. Attempted murder
8. A local hospital
9. Whether someone helped the woman
10. Give birth in secret

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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