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Level 2 – 12th August, 2021

Smallest ever baby leaves hospital after 13 months

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Please try Levels 0, 1 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 measured 24 centimeters when she was born in Singapore on June the 9th, 2020. She was born prematurely at around 25 weeks. The standard is 40 weeks. Doctors gave her a "limited chance of survival". They did everything they could to help Yu Xuan. They 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 staff for helping her daughter. She said: "We are very grateful to the doctors and nurses...for the attentive and wonderful medical care and treatment of Yu Xuan." There is a long journey ahead for Yu Xuan. 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. They added: "She has inspired people around her with her perseverance." 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>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Yu Xuan weighed | a. for the little fighter |
| 2. She was born | b. 212 grams |
| 3. Doctors gave her a limited | c. to little Yu Xuan |
| 4. They did everything they | d. chance of survival |
| 5. We are happy | e. could to help |
| 6. proud of the care provided | f. odds every day |
| 7. Our best wishes | g. prematurely |
| 8. beat the | h. by our team |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. thanked staff for helping her | a. journey ahead |
| 2. We are very grateful | b. her perseverance |
| 3. the attentive and wonderful medical | c. daughter |
| 4. There is a long | d. of hope |
| 5. a special machine at home to | e. care |
| 6. doctors said she would slowly | f. help her breathe |
| 7. inspired people around her with | g. get better |
| 8. a ray | h. to the doctors |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The world's smallest (1) _____ after 13 months. Yu Xuan weighed 212 (2) _____ 24 centimeters when she was born in Singapore on June the 9th, 2020. She was born (3) _____ 25 weeks. The standard is 40 weeks. Doctors gave her a "limited chance of survival". They did everything they (4) _____ Yu Xuan. They said: "We are happy for the little fighter and her family, and (5) _____ 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 thanked (7) _____ her daughter. She said: "We are (8) _____ the doctors and nurses...for the attentive and wonderful medical care and treatment of Yu Xuan." There is a (9) _____ for Yu Xuan. She has a serious lung disease and other medical problems. She has a special (10) _____ to help her breathe. Her doctors said she would (11) _____. They added: "She has inspired people around her with her perseverance." They called her "an extraordinary 'Covid-19' baby" and "a (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

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) _____

