

A Complete these sentences with the words in the box.

blesses honey planets suggests
ceremonies horoscope priests tongue

1. The Hindus have _____ to give names to babies.
2. The parents write the special word on the baby's _____.
3. The parents write the word in _____ because most babies like sweet things.
4. Religious men, or _____, visit the families 12 days after the babies are born.
5. A priest looks at the positions of the _____ and stars in the sky.
6. The priest makes a _____ for the new baby from the position of the stars and planets.
7. The priest says what he thinks is a good name. He _____ a name for the baby.
8. At the end of the ceremony, the priest _____ the baby and the food.

suggest (verb) suggestion (noun)

1. The priest, not the grandparents, will _____ a name for a baby.
2. I agree with your _____. Let's go for a walk.

bless (verb) blessing (noun)

3. The priest will _____ the couple at the wedding.
4. The priest gave them a _____ before their long and dangerous journey.

pray (verb) prayers (noun)

5. Every new year, they _____ for a good and lucky year.
6. The priest says _____ for the newborn baby.

LOOKING FOR DETAILS

Decide if the following statements are True (T) or False (F).

- ____ 1. About a million people live in India.
- ____ 2. Most Indians are Hindu.
- ____ 3. There are 16 important ceremonies for each Hindu.
- ____ 4. Hindu parents write the word *om* in gold on the tongue of their new baby.
- ____ 5. At the naming ceremony, there is a plate with rice on it.
- ____ 6. The father says the baby's name in the priest's right ear.