

Text 1

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

Royal baby names	1
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Are there any rules that have to be followed when naming a British royal baby?	3
Yes, there are many rules and traditions involved when choosing a name for a royal baby. The	4
past has to be considered and the long history of the British royal family. The Queen also has	5
the right to veto any name that she does not approve of.	6
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A prince or princess who is likely to succeed to the British throne needs to be called something	8
traditional, dignified and British. When Catherine, the Duchess of Cambridge, gave birth to a	9
son in 2013, he was named George which was the first name of six previous British kings.	10
Almost all forenames are chosen from a list of names that have been used for family	11
members in the past, such as Charles, Albert, William, Philip and Edward. Foreign names such	12
as Louis are rarely used as a first name but might be used as a second, third or fourth name.	13
Some of the traditions concerning the choice of royal baby names only date back to the First	14
World War (1914 – 1918). Names that used to be popular before that time, because of the	15
links to the British royal familys German relatives, are out of fashion nowadays.	16
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Some other names are also very unlikely to be chosen. For example, John is considered to be	18
unlucky, and Oliver would never be used becuase this was the name of the man who executed	19
King Charles I in 1642! In addition, some names which are popular in the UK for “ordinary”	20
babies would never be used because they are not considered serious and sensible enough for	21
a royal baby. These include names like Chardonnay, Tyson and Wayne.	22
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....., the choice of names for royal babies who are not in direct line of succession to the	24
throne is more relaxed. Princess Eugenie of York was named after Victoria Eugenie of	25
Battenberg who was one of Queen Victoria’s grand-daughters. Perhaps the most exotic name	26
for a member of the present royal family is Zara. She is a grand-daughter of Queen Elizabeth II,	27
the reigning British monarch.	28

1. **What has to be taken into account when choosing a name for a royal baby?**
 - a. The history of the royal family.
 - b. The nationality of the baby.
 - c. The popularity of the name.
2. **What does the Queen have the right to do?**
 - a. Choose the name herself.
 - b. Say no, if she doesn't like the name.
 - c. Name the baby after herself.
3. **Why is the name of the Duchess of Cambridge's son traditional?**
 - a. It was first used in 2013.
 - b. It was chosen from a long list.
 - c. It was the name of former British kings.
4. **When did German names lose their popularity with the royal family?**
 - a. Before the First World War.
 - b. During the First World War.
 - c. After the First World War.
5. **Why are names like John and Oliver not chosen?**
 - a. They sound too foreign.
 - b. They are thought to be unlucky.
 - c. They are too ordinary.
6. **A word has been omitted from line 11. The word should be:**
 - a. Male.
 - b. Female.
 - c. Baby.
7. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 3.
 - b. Line 19.
 - c. Line 22.
8. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 9.
 - b. Line 16.
 - c. Line 27.
9. **Which word best fills the gap on line 24?**
 - a. Although.
 - b. Therefore.
 - c. However.
10. **The best word to replace "exotic" on line 26 is:**
 - a. Unusual.
 - b. Sensible.
 - c. Historic.