

## Special Reading: Royal Prince

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013**Topics:** baby, birth, family**Learning points:**

- vocabulary

1 It would be difficult to write a text about anything else at the moment, wouldn't it?

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3 The **birth**<sup>1</sup> of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's son is an opportunity include some vocabulary about this  
4 topic, though<sup>2</sup>. So, we say that Kate has given birth (to **give birth**), has has a baby (to **have a baby**), or that her  
5 baby has been born<sup>3</sup> (to **be born**). Her husband, Prince William, was **present** at the birth – but not the Home  
6 Secretary or the Archbishop of Canterbury (as was the case until into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century).

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8 The baby was **delivered**<sup>4</sup> by the royal **gynecologist**<sup>5</sup> in St Mary's hospital, probably assisted by a **midwife**<sup>6</sup> or  
9 two. She arrived at the hospital early yesterday morning, after going into **labour**<sup>7</sup> when her **contractions**<sup>8</sup>  
10 started, and was in labour for several hours. She might have had a normal birth or a **Caesarean section**<sup>9</sup>.

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12 From the point of **conception**<sup>10</sup> onwards, Kate had been **pregnant**<sup>11</sup>. We don't know whether she had any  
13 **morning sickness**<sup>12</sup> during her **pregnancy**. Her **maternity**<sup>13</sup> dresses received a lot of attention. Although Kate  
14 doesn't require **maternity leave**<sup>14</sup>, Prince William is expected to take 2 weeks of **paternity leave**.

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16 The baby doesn't have a **first/Christian name**<sup>15</sup> at the time of writing, but will be given several **middle names**  
17 as well as his first name. Actually, he doesn't need to have a **surname**<sup>16</sup>, as he will be called 'His Royal  
18 Highness Prince .....'. He will probably be **baptised**<sup>17</sup> and **christened**<sup>18</sup> in Buckingham Palace. The Prince might  
19 have up to eight **godparents**<sup>19</sup>.

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21 The **arrival** of the baby **was celebrated** in many ways around the world, from the moment it was **announced** at  
22 the gates of Buckingham Palace. Lots of people sent their **congratulations on the birth of** the new Prince by  
23 Twitter, from New Zealand to Canada. In fact, it has been one of the biggest stories of the social media age.  
24 In a typically English statement, the **proud** grandparents have said they are **delighted** by the news of the  
25 birth, and that Kate and the new Prince are "**doing well**".

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<sup>1</sup> birth = Geburt

<sup>2</sup> though = dennoch

<sup>3</sup> to be born = geboren

<sup>4</sup> to deliver (baby) = ein Kind entbinden / ein Kind zur Welt bringen

<sup>5</sup> gynecologist = Gynäkologe, Frauenarzt

<sup>6</sup> midwife = Hebamme

<sup>7</sup> labour = Wehen

<sup>8</sup> contractions = Wehen

<sup>9</sup> Caesarean section = Kaiserschnitt

<sup>10</sup> conception = Konzeption, Empfängnis

<sup>11</sup> pregnant = schwanger

<sup>12</sup> morning sickness = morgentliche Übelkeit

<sup>13</sup> maternity = Mutterschaft

<sup>14</sup> maternity leave = Mutterschutz, Karenz

<sup>15</sup> first name = Vorname

<sup>16</sup> surname = Nachname

<sup>17</sup> to baptise = jdn taufen

<sup>18</sup> to christen = jdn taufen

<sup>19</sup> godparent = Pate, Patin