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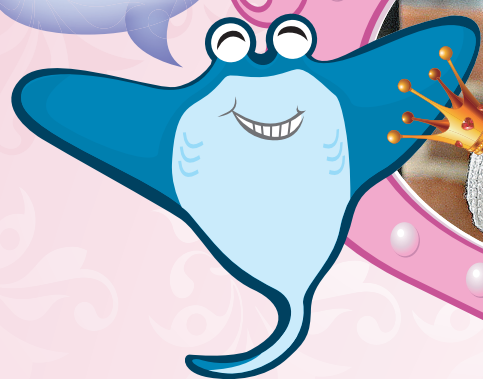


Goodies

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The little princess

What a cute little girl!



FANS of the British Royal family were overjoyed on Saturday, 2 May when news came of a new baby. At 8.34am the Duchess of Cambridge gave birth to a baby girl weighing 3.71kg at St Mary's Hospital, London. The announcement brought an end to over two weeks of waiting as the birth was overdue.

The baby princess, named Charlotte, is now fourth in line to the crown, behind her grandfather the Prince of Wales (Prince Charles), her father the Duke of Cambridge (Prince William) and her elder brother, Prince George.

Editor's Note

I use my smartphone every day but thankfully I do not like playing app games. It must be difficult for kids to stop playing games on their smartphone because they can download many of them. I really dislike people who walk along the street while looking at their smartphone. If an alien came to Earth and saw this they may think they are zombies! Let us put our smartphones away and enjoy real life, like some British schoolkids are doing. Turn to G08 to read more.



Simon



Cover Feature

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How the birth was greeted

The news of the latest Royal baby was announced in many different ways – some loud, some colourful.



Dressed in red robes, a feather hat and swinging a bell, 'town crier' Tony Appleton shouted out news of the birth to dozens of journalists waiting outside the hospital.



At the Queen's London home of Buckingham Palace, the announcement was written on special paper and mounted on a golden easel. It was put in front of the palace for the public to view.



The Sky Tower in Auckland, New Zealand was lit up pink to mark the Duke and Duchess' new girl.



Sailors on board the Royal Navy's HMS Lancaster spelt out the word SISTER in a message to Prince George.



Treasure or trash?

Whenever there is a royal birth, wedding or anniversary, **souvenir** shops are flooded with gift items to **commemorate** the special event. Manufacturers have already said that they have been very busy taking orders from around the world eager for everything from tea mugs to teddy bears. Do you think these gifts are worthwhile? Stevie and Pony have differing views.



I think these companies are just taking advantage of the **hype** over this baby. The majority of the items will be rushed out, badly made and **inappropriate**. I've heard that there have been special royal baby sick bags made. I feel sick just hearing about it!

It's true there are some **tasteless** souvenirs. But most of these come from **unofficial** companies. If you buy from official suppliers there are some nice things like gold and white china cups and bears. My favourite is the special £5 coin from the Royal Mint. I think these could be great gifts for someone who shares the same birthday as the royal baby.



Game

Guess whether these royal souvenirs are real or fake.

1. Royal Wedding toilet seat
2. Prince Charles back scratcher
3. Queen Mother toothpicks
4. Royal Family figure teabags
5. Prince George potty seat
6. Royal velvet nappies

Answers on G12

Vocabulary

souvenir (n) 紀念品
commemorate (v) 慶祝

hype (n) 大肆宣傳
inappropriate (adj) 不適當的

tasteless (adj) 無品味的
unofficial (adj) 非官方的



Challenge

