

# Babies

Having a baby is a life changing experience and a big responsibility. Babies are also often a topic of conversation during family gatherings. Knowing some key phrases will enable you to take part in these conversations.

Below, you'll find important phrases and questions that you can use to talk about babies. You'll learn how to ask about someone else's baby, as well as how to talk about your own. Have a look and start improving your English!

## Essential Phrases

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## Asking Questions about Babies

Don't know what to say when talking about someone's baby? The following phrases can help you start conversations and ask questions about someone's baby.

When is your baby due?

Have you decided on a name yet?

Do you know if it'll be a boy or girl?

Have you had a baby shower?

How old is your baby?

Has she been keeping you up all night?

Do you have a babysitter?

Do you take your baby to daycare?

When did you find out your daughter was pregnant?

Have you started buying diapers yet?

## Have you had a baby shower?

Before a baby is born, it's common for a family in the United States to have a baby shower. This is usually a little party where friends and family will bring gifts to the parents-to-be. The gifts are essential things like blankets, diapers, toys, or baby clothes. A baby shower is one way for friends and family to show their support to the parents-to-be.

## How old is your baby?

If you want to find out the age of someone's newborn child, then use the sentence pattern **How old is your + CHILD?**. The person you are talking to will then respond by telling you their child's age. Here is an example **He's about three months old.**

## Talking about Babies

Below, you'll find phrases and examples of ways to talk about your own baby. Many of them could be answers to questions in the table above.

The baby is due next month.
We're waiting to pick out a name until we know whether it's a boy or girl.
We found out we're having a baby girl!
We haven't planned a baby shower just yet.
Our baby is 5 months old.
I haven't gotten a full night's sleep in weeks!
We don't have a babysitter yet.
We're planning on signing him up for daycare once he turns three.
My sister announced over Christmas that she's pregnant.

### The baby is due next month

Friends and family will often want to know when your baby is due. To tell them, use the sentence pattern **The baby is due + DATE**. They will most likely respond with a comment like **That's exciting!**

### Our baby is 5 months old

If somebody asks how old your baby is, then you can tell them by using the sentence pattern **Our baby is + AGE**. The person might respond by saying something like **They get so big so quickly.**

## Answers to the Most Common Questions

What are the most essential English phrases for talking about babies?

When is your baby due?

Have you decided on a name yet?

Do you know if it'll be a boy or girl?

How old is your baby?

The baby is due next month.

We found out we're having a baby girl!

Our baby is 5 months old.

My sister announced over Christmas that she's pregnant.

What are some popular English names for newborn babies?

Every year lists of popular names for newborn babies are made. In the United States, some of the most popular names for boys have been: James, John, and Robert. Popular names for girls have been: Mary, Emily, and Jennifer. In the UK, other names are popular. For boys the most popular names have been: Oliver, George, and Harry. For girls, it has been: Olivia, Amelia, and Emily.



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