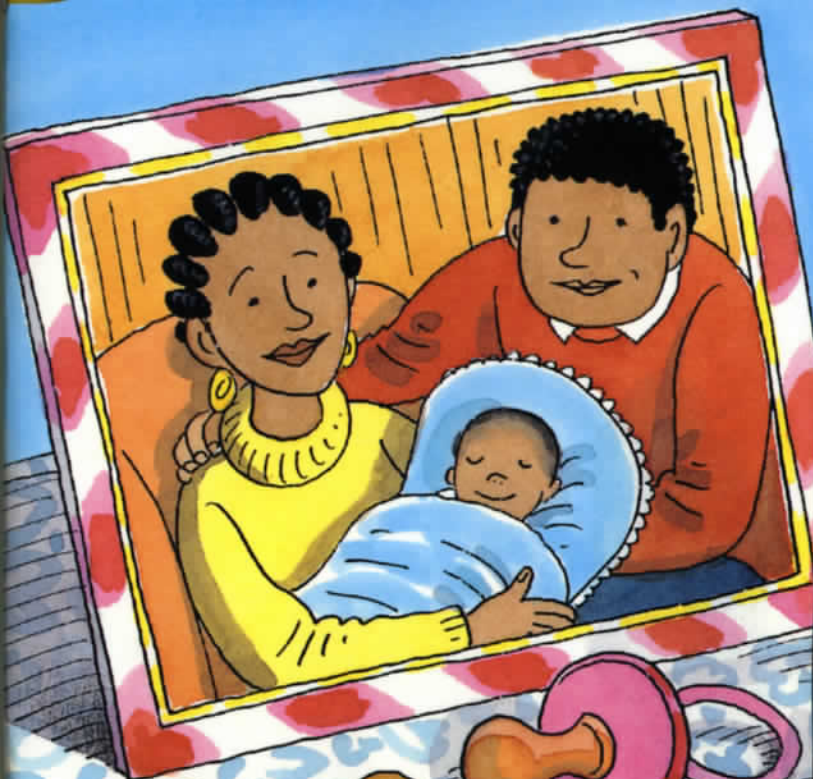




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# The New Baby



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### **What's this story about?**

The children learn about babies at school, but when Jo's baby is born, Kipper is not so keen!

### **Talk together**

Talk about any babies the children know. Ask: "What is the best thing about babies?" and "What is not so good?"

### **Read the story**

**W** = Word recognition    **C** = Language comprehension

- W** Page 1, break 'expecting' into syllables 'ex-pect-ing' to help children read it.
- C** Page 3, ask, "Do you know what 'do it up' means?" If necessary, explain what it means.
- W** Page 7, work out 'mattress' in two parts, 'matt' and 'ress'.
- C** Page 15, ask the children to read what the class book says.
- C** Page 17, ask, "Who wants the baby to be a boy, and who wants a girl?"
- C** At the end, ask, "Why do you think Kipper ran away?"



Jo had some good news. She was expecting a baby.  
“What good news!” said everyone.





Wilma's mum found the old buggy.  
"Oh look!" said Wilma's dad. "Wilf  
had it when he was a baby."

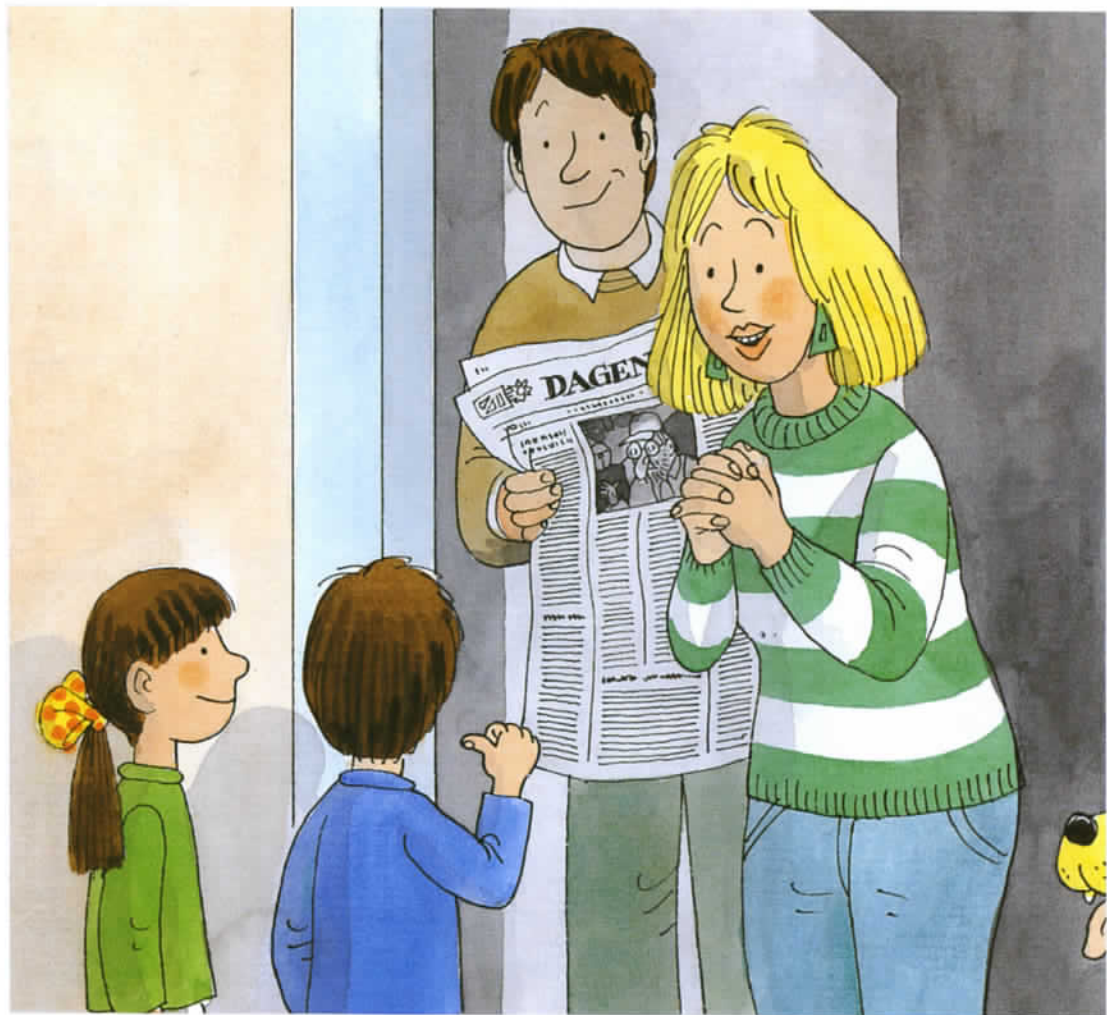


The buggy looked a bit scruffy.  
A wheel had come off.  
“We can do it up,” said Wilma’s mum.



Wilma told Biff and Chip.  
“Jo is expecting a baby,” she said.  
“What good news!” said Chip.





Biff and Chip went home.

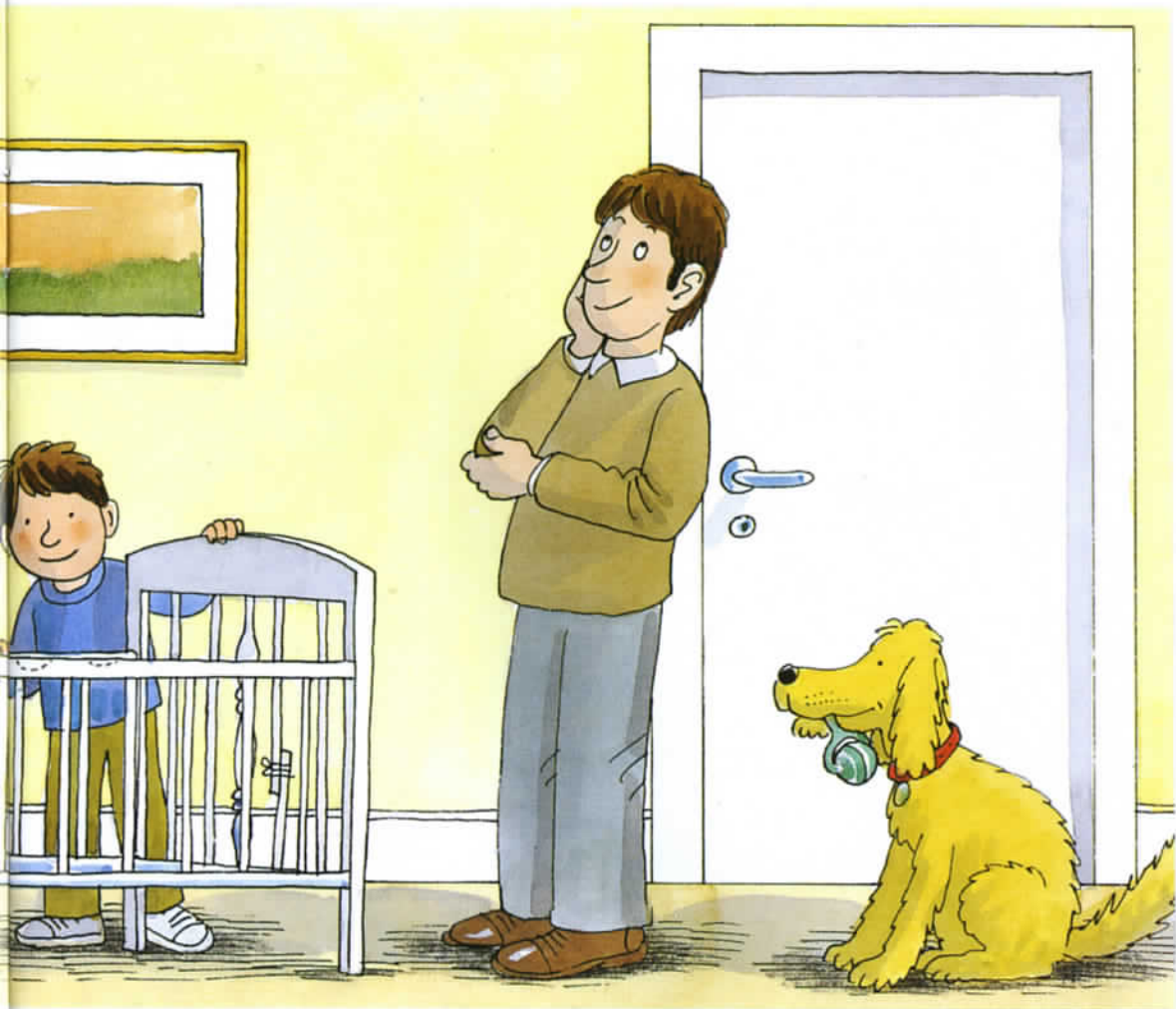
“Jo is expecting a baby,” said Chip.

“What good news!” said Mum.



Dad found the old cot.  
“Oh look!” said Mum. “Kipper had it  
when he was a baby.”





The cot looked a bit scruffy.  
It needed a new mattress.  
“We can do it up,” said Dad.

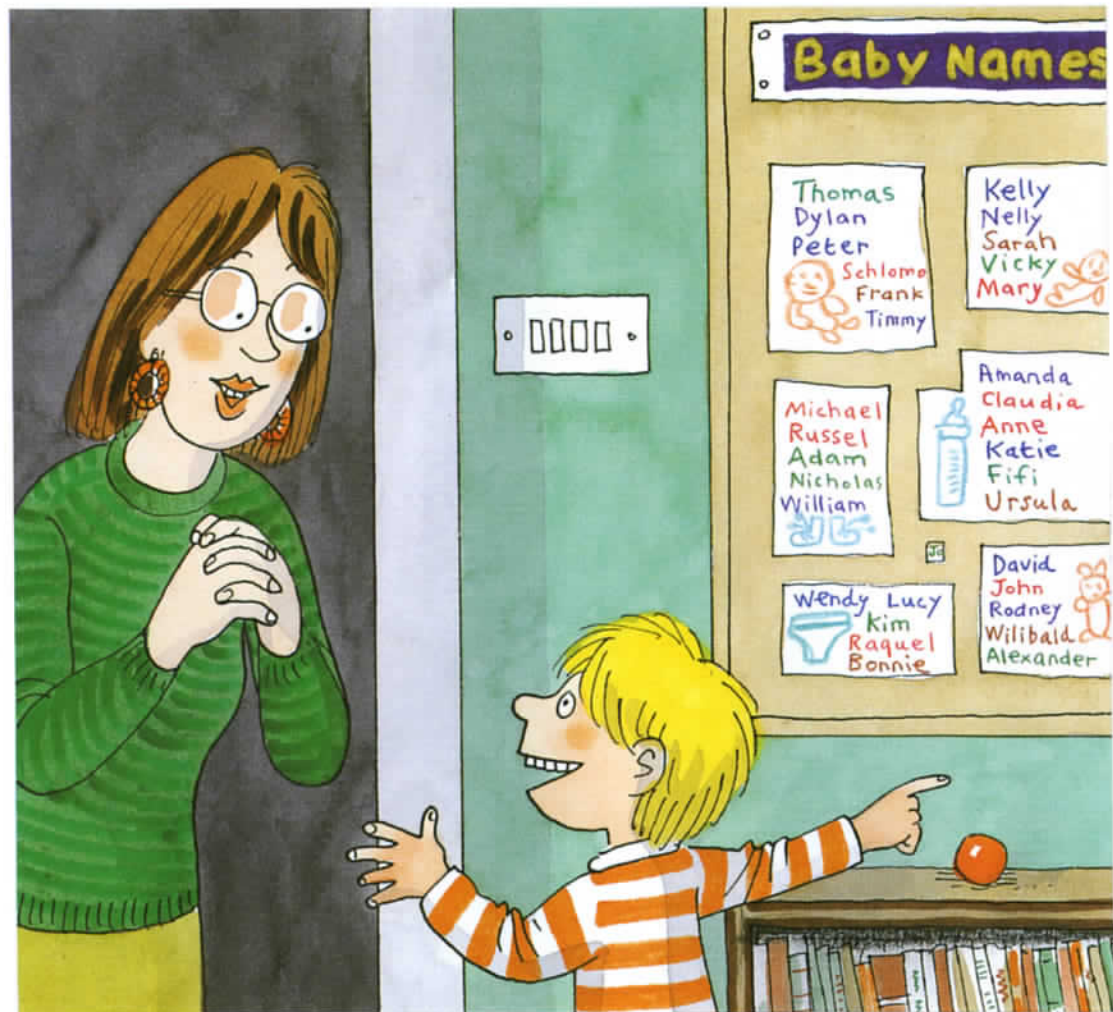


Biff and Chip told Kipper.  
“Jo is expecting a baby,” they said.  
“That’s brilliant!” said Kipper.



Kipper found an old toy rabbit.  
It looked a bit scruffy.  
“Can we do it up?” he asked.





Kipper was in Miss Green's class.  
He told Miss Green about Jo's baby.  
"How exciting!" said Miss Green.



Kipper looked puzzled.  
“When will Jo’s baby come?”  
he asked.



Miss Green told the children  
about babies.





Mums and dads came to school.  
They told the children about  
babies too.



Kipper played with the baby. He gave it a rattle. The baby made a funny noise.



The children made a book. The book was about babies.





Kipper gave Jo the book. Biff and Chip gave Jo the cot. Jo was pleased.



Wilf wanted the baby to be a girl.  
 Wilma wanted it to be a boy so  
 Wilf made a big chart.



“The baby is coming,” said Jo. “It’s time to go.”

“How exciting,” said Wilf.





Wilma called her mum.  
“Jo’s baby is coming,” she called.  
“How exciting!” said Wilma’s mum.



Jo went to the hospital. She went  
in the car.

“Good luck,” called Wilma’s mum.



Jo was in hospital. She had a baby girl.

“She is called Vicky,” said Jo.

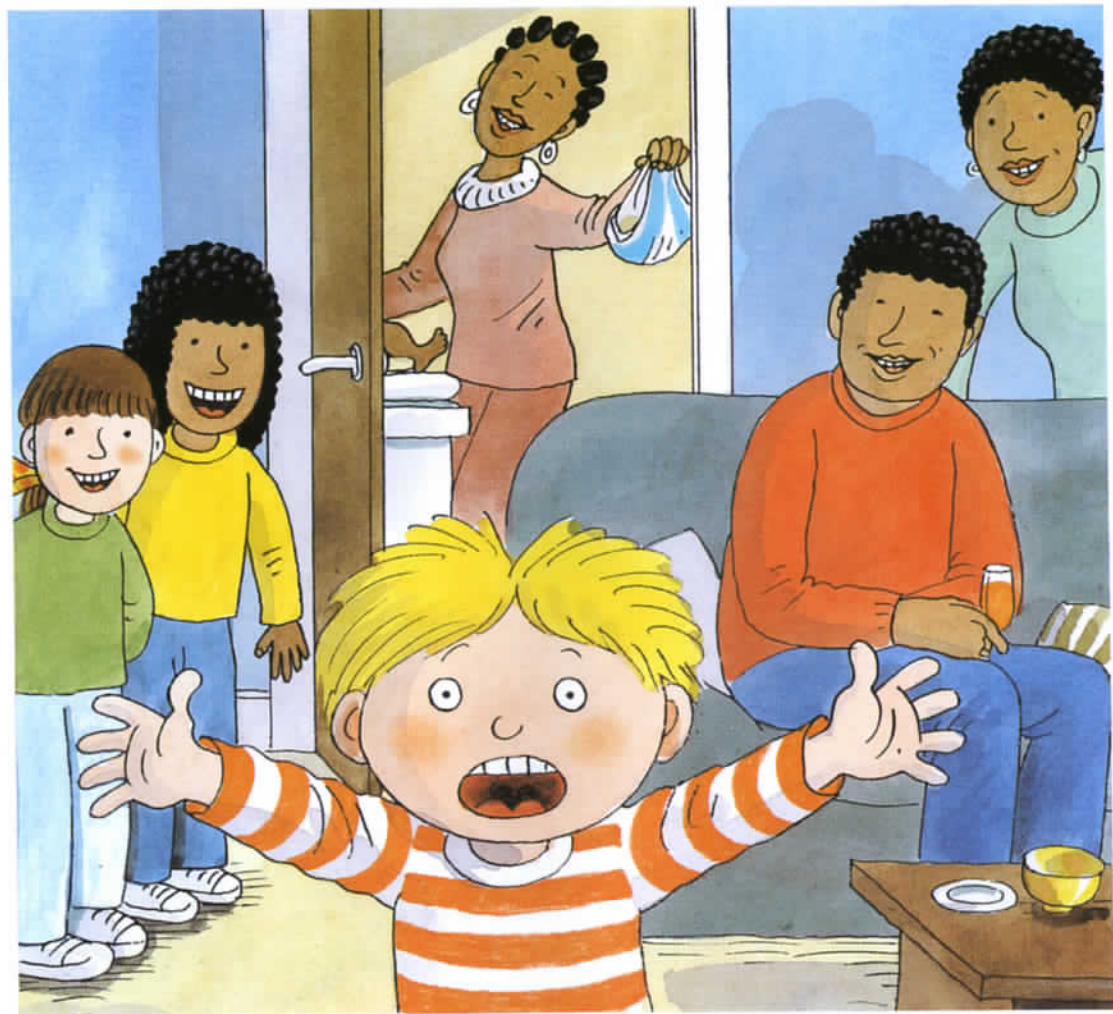




Jo brought Vicky home. Everyone wanted to see the new baby.



Jo looked at Kipper.  
“You know about babies,” she said.  
“Do you want to help?”



Kipper looked at Vicky.  
“No, thank you,” said Kipper.



## ***Play a game***

### ***The longest word***

*To help children notice the overall look of words, which helps with spelling.*

- Take turns to pick a word, count the letters and then read out the sentence.
- Find the longest word in the book.

## ***Other ideas***

*You can use these ideas straight away, or on another day.*

- Look through the book and talk about all the things that babies need.
- Look at photographs of babies together.

# The New Baby

Jo has a new baby.

This story practises these words:

about an be boy called came do girl  
good had help her home how made  
new off old school so some that time  
too want(ed) what when will with



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