

baby**1. ['beɪbɪ] n**

1. 1) младенец, ребёнок, дитя

baby's formula - детская питательная смесь

2) детёныш (*особ. у обезьян*)2. 1) малыш, самый маленький (*в семье и т. п.*)

mother's baby - мамин любимчик, маменькин сынок

the baby of the family - младший в семье, «наш малыш»

Baby of the House - *разг.* «дитя» палаты общин, самый молодой член парламента2) *разг.* малыш, малютка; крошка, детка (*в обращении*)

3. инфантильный человек

he is a regular baby - он сущий младенец

4. *разг.* (хорошенькая) девушка или молодая женщина (*тж.* sugar baby)

she is my baby - это моя девушка

5. *разг.* парень, мальш, детина6. *разг.*1) детище, порождение, творение (*об изобретении, проекте и т. п.*)

2) предмет, вещь

is that car there your baby? - вот эта машина - ваша?

◇ to play the baby - ребячиться; дурачиться

to give smb. to hold /to carry/ the baby - а) переложить ответственность на кого-л.; б) связать кого-л. по рукам и ногам

to send a baby on an errand - заранее обречь дело на провал

I was left holding the baby - ≅ всю ответственность ввалили на меня; расхлёбывать кашу пришлось мне

2. ['beɪbɪ] a

1. детский, младенческий

baby clothes - приданое для новорождённого; одежда для детей младшего возраста

2. ребяческий, ребячливый, инфантильный

baby act - ребяческий /несерьёзный, легкомысленный/ поступок [*см. тж.* baby act]

3. 1) маленький

baby elephant - слонёнок

baby sister - (младшая) сестрёнка

2) *разг.* небольшого размера, малых габаритов; малоформатный, маломощный

baby moon - искусственный спутник (Земли)

baby car - малолитражный автомобиль

baby tank - *воен.* танкеткаbaby plane - *ав.* авиеткаbaby spot(-light) - *кино* малый линзовый кинопроектор «бэби»**3. ['beɪbɪ] v**1. обращаться (*с кем-л.*) как с ребёнком; баловать (*кого-л.*)

she babied him through all the years - она нянчилась с ним долгие годы

2. обращаться с осторожностью

baby

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

baby [baby babies babied babying] noun, adjective, verb BrE ['beɪbɪ] ⁴ NAmE['beɪbɪ] ⁴

noun (pl. babies)

1. a very young child or animal

- The baby's crying!
- a newborn baby
- My sister's **expecting a baby** = she is pregnant .
- She **had a baby** last year.
- a **baby boy/girl**
- **baby food/clothes**
- a baby monkey/blackbird

2. (*informal*) the youngest member of a family or group

- He's the baby of the team.

3. (*disapproving*) a person who behaves like a young child and is easily upset

- Stop crying and don't be such a baby.

4. (*slang, especially NAmE*) a word used to address sb, especially your wife, husband or lover, in a way that expresses affection but that can be offensive if used by a man to a woman he does not know**more at** like taking candy from a baby **at** ↑candy, sleep like a log/baby **at** ↑sleep _{v.}Word Origin:

late Middle English: probably imitative of an infant's first attempts at speech.

Thesaurus:**baby** noun**1.** C

- He cried like a baby.

child • **formal technical infant** •

a **newborn** baby/child/infant

have/give birth to a baby/child/infant

a/an baby/child/infant **is born**

2. C

- What do you call a baby kangaroo?

offspring • • **young** •

produce/rear/raise babies/offspring/young

give birth to (a) baby/offspring/young

Baby, offspring or young? **Offspring** and **young** are more scientific, technical words. The parent animal must be mentioned or understood when using them:

- The females stay close to their offspring/young.
- Oh, look! That one's just a baby!

✗ Oh, look! That one's just an offspring/young.

Collocations:

Children

Having a baby/child

want a baby/a child/kids

start a family

conceive/be expecting/be going to have a baby/child

miss your period

become/get/ be/find out that you are pregnant

have a baby/a child/kids/a son/a daughter/twins/a family

have a normal/a difficult/an unwanted pregnancy; an easy/a difficult/a home birth

be in/go into/induce labour (*especially US*) labor

have/suffer/cause a miscarriage

give birth to a child/baby/daughter/son/twins

Parenting

bring up/ (especially NAmE) raise a child/family

care for/ (especially BrE) look after a baby/child/kid

change (BrE) a nappy/(NAmE) a diaper/a baby

feed/breastfeed/bottle-feed a baby

be entitled to/go on maternity/paternity leave

go back/return to work after maternity leave

need/find/get a babysitter/good quality affordable childcare

balance/combine work and childcare/child-rearing/family life

educate/teach/home-school a child/kid

punish/discipline/spoil a child/kid

adopt a baby/child/kid

offer a baby for/put a baby up for adoption

(*especially BrE*) **foster** a child/kid

be placed with/be raised by foster parents

Example Bank:

- Babies drool a lot when they are teething.
- Babies nurse more at night in the first three weeks.
- Can you take the baby while I unlock the door?
- Could you take the baby? I need to bring in the washing.
- Darling, I just want to stay with you and make babies!
- He took an interest in the growing baby even before it was born.
- He was so tired after all his exertions, he slept like a baby.
- I could feel the baby moving inside me.
- I didn't use baby talk with my children, but used proper words right from the start.
- I want to have a baby.
- She decided to put her baby up for adoption.
- She lost her baby three months into her pregnancy.
- She lost her baby= had a miscarriage three months into her pregnancy.
- She rocked the baby to sleep in her arms.
- She's expecting a baby in July.
- She's not sure if she wants a baby.
- She's not sure yet how many babies she's carrying.
- Smoking in pregnancy increases the risk of producing a low birthweight baby.
- The baby cooed happily on the rug.
- The baby is due in October.
- The baby needed burping after every bottle.
- The baby needs changing again= needs a clean nappy/diaper.
- The baby was delivered by a midwife.
- The doctor said the baby was growing nicely.

- Their first baby arrived exactly nine months after the wedding.
- They named the baby Charlie.
- They would like to adopt a newborn baby.
- You can start weaning your baby when it's four months old.
- You should change your baby about six times a day.
- the hospital's baby unit
- After some months, the baby learns to walk along branches by holding onto its mother's fur.
- Come on baby, let's dance!
- He just broke down and cried like a baby.
- Judith has had a baby girl.
- She's a midwife in an intensive care unit for premature babies.
- The illness is common in newborn babies and is easily treated.
- What do you call a baby kangaroo?
- I could hear my baby crying.
- My sister's expecting a baby.

Idioms: ↑leave somebody holding the baby ▪ ↑throw the baby out with the bathwater ▪ ↑your baby

adjective only before noun

baby vegetables are a very small version of particular vegetables, or are picked when they are very small

- baby carrots

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verb (ba·bies, baby·ing, ba·bied, ba·bied) ~ sb

to treat sb with too much care, as if they were a baby

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	baby
	BrE / 'beɪbi/
	NAme / 'beɪbi/
he / she / it	babies
	BrE / 'beɪbiz/
	NAme / 'beɪbiz/
past simple, past participle	babied
	BrE / 'beɪbiɪd/
	NAme / 'beɪbiɪd/
-ing form	babying
	BrE / 'beɪbiɪŋ/
	NAme / 'beɪbiɪŋ/

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[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: babe]



1. **YOUNG CHILD** a very young child who has not yet learned to speak or walk:

- The baby is crying.
- She gave birth to a baby on Thursday.
- What do you think of your new baby sister? ⇒ ↑test-tube baby

2. **YOUNG ANIMAL** a very young animal:

- baby birds

3. **VEGETABLE** a type of vegetable which is grown to be much smaller than usual or is eaten before it has grown to its normal size:

- baby carrots
- baby sweetcorn

4. **YOUNGEST** a younger child in a family, often the youngest:

Clare is the baby of the family.

5. **WOMAN** *spoken*

a) used to address someone that you love:

Relax, baby – we're on holiday.

b) *not polite* used to address a young woman that you do not know

6. **SILLY PERSON** someone, especially an older child, who is not behaving in a brave way:

" Don't be a baby!

7. **RESPONSIBILITY** something special that someone has developed or is responsible for:

" Don't ask me about the building contract – that's Robert's baby.

8. **THING** *informal* something, especially a piece of equipment or a machine, that you care about a lot:

" This baby can reach speeds of 130 miles per hour.

⇒ **throw the baby out with the bathwater** at ¹throw¹(37)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **verbs**

- **a baby is born** Let me know as soon as the baby is born.
- **have a baby/give birth to a baby** She had the baby at home. | Sue gave birth to a baby boy.
- **be expecting a baby** (=be pregnant) My wife's expecting a baby.
- **a baby is due** (=is expected to be born) When is your baby due?
- **lose a baby** (=have a baby that dies when it is born too soon) She was three months pregnant when she lost the baby.
- **deliver a baby** (=help a woman to give birth to a baby) Usually your baby will be delivered by a midwife.
- **abandon a baby** (=leave your baby somewhere because you do not want it) A disturbing number of babies are abandoned by their mothers.
- **feed a baby** If your baby cries, she may want feeding.
- **breast-feed a baby** 63% of new mothers breast-feed their babies.
- **change a baby** (=change its nappy) Could you change the baby for me?

■ **adjectives**

- **a newborn baby** There's plenty of help and advice for people with newborn babies.
- **an unborn baby** (=not yet born) Drinking alcohol is bad for your unborn baby.
- **a premature baby** (=born before the normal time) Lesley's baby was three weeks premature.
- **an abandoned baby** (=left somewhere by a mother who does not want it) The abandoned baby was found under a hedge.
- **an illegitimate baby** (=born to an unmarried mother) The number of illegitimate babies is rising.
- **an unwanted baby** Unwanted babies were frequently abandoned in the streets.
- **a contented baby** Danielle was a lovely contented baby.

■ **baby + NOUN**

- **a baby boy/girl** She's just had a lovely healthy baby girl.
- **a baby son/daughter/brother/sister** We'd like a baby brother or sister for Ben.
- **baby clothes/food**

■ **COMMON ERRORS**

▶ Do not say '*she is waiting a baby*'. Say **she is expecting a baby**.

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THESAURUS

- **baby** a very young child who has not yet learned to speak or walk: I sat next to a woman holding a baby.
- **toddler** a baby who has learned how to walk: The playground has a special area for toddlers.
- **infant** *formal* a baby or a very young child: The disease is mainly found in infants.
- **little one** *spoken informal* a baby, or a small child up to the age of about three: How old is your little one?
- **young** the babies of an animal or bird: Kangaroos carry their young in a pouch.
- **litter** a group of baby animals that are born at the same time to the same mother: Our cat has just had a litter of six kittens.

II. **baby**² *BrE* ^{AmE} *verb* (past tense and past participle **babied**, present participle **babying**, third person singular **babies**)

[transitive]
to be too kind to someone and look after them as if they were a baby

baby

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babies 13607

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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