

## Life's not been the same in my family

Life's not been the same in my family since the day that the new baby came, my parents completely ignore me, they scarcely remember my name.

The baby gets all their attention, "Oh, isn't she precious!" they croon, they think that she looks like an angel, I think she resembles a prune.



They're thrilled when she giggles and gurgles, "She burped!" they exclaim with delight, they don't even mind when she wakes us with deafening screams in the night.

They seem to believe she's a treasure, there's simply no way I agree, I wish she'd stop being a baby and start being older than me.



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Choose the correct answer to each question and write it out.

- 1 How did the girl feel about the new baby in her family?
  - a) The girl was jealous of the new baby.
  - b) The girl loved the new baby.
  - c) The girl kept forgetting the new baby was there.



- 2 In what way did the baby look like a prune?
- a) She was the same colour as a prune.
  - b) She was small and wrinkled like a prune.
  - c) She looked good enough to eat.
- 3 How have the parents behaved since the new baby was born?
- a) They have made a great fuss of both of their children.
  - b) They have paid no attention to the baby.
  - c) They have paid no attention to their older daughter.
- 4 Why does the girl say,  
*"I wish she'd stop being a baby  
and start being older than me"?*
- a) She wants an older sister to play with.
  - b) She thinks the only way of getting any attention is to be the youngest child.
  - c) She feels sorry for the baby being so young.
- 5 Which pair of words rhymes?
- a) giggles gurgles
  - b) croon prune
  - c) simply resembles
- 6 What does "scarcely" mean in verse one?
- a) never
  - b) always
  - c) hardly
- 7 What does "exclaim" mean in verse three?
- a) whisper
  - b) shout
  - c) ask