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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## 6 Minute English worksheet

### How do babies communicate?

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Listen to the full episode here: <https://bit.ly/3HNLTwv>

**1. Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**

**2. Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**

- What do the presenters say the episode is about?
- What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?

**3. Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**

a) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

b) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

c) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

d) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

e) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

f) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?**

**5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.**

1. What are newborn babies able to do?
  - a. change eye colour
  - b. change sex
  - c. talk
  
2. Which phrase could you 'use to completely agree with somebody'?
  - a. one percent
  - b. fifty percent
  - c. one hundred percent
  
3. Which adjective describes movements which are 'quick and sudden, stopping and starting, rather than flowing smoothly'?
  - a. jerk
  - b. jerky
  - c. turkey
  
4. 'Life is full of ups and downs' is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. law
  - b. cliché
  - c. non-verbal communication
  
5. Which word is closest in meaning to 'intentional'?
  - a. permanent
  - b. purposeless
  - c. planned
  
6. "On cloudless autumn nights, the planet Venus can be seen \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. with the naked eye
  - b. eye to eye
  - c. out of the corner of your eye

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**6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.**


**7. Answer the following questions.**

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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#### Answers

3.

- a. one hundred percent – used to emphasise that you agree completely with something, or that it is completely right or wrong
- b. jerky – quick and sudden; stopping and starting, rather than smooth-flowing
- c. intentional – planned; done on purpose
- d. to the naked eye – as seen without specialist instruments or specialist knowledge
- e. love at first sight – (idiom) experience of starting to love someone as soon as you see them for the first time
- f. unhelpful cliché – overused phrase or comment (cliché) which has the effect of creating negative or unrealistic attitudes

5. 1a, 2c, 3b, 4b, 5c, 6a

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#### Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet, and adapt it as necessary.

#### Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.