ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Everyday Vocabulary Birth Test

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Explanations

1. (Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)

BIRTH

When a woman is _____ a baby, we say that she is _____.
✓ **C) expecting**
Be expecting a baby means that a woman will have a baby soon: **My sister is expecting her first baby in May.** Not **delivering**, because that is what happens at the birth, not during the months before it.

2. When a woman is _____ a baby, we say that she is _____.
✓ **A) pregnant**
A woman who is expecting a baby is **pregnant**. **Midwife** is a person, and **maternity** is a noun used in phrases like **maternity ward**, so neither can describe the woman here.

3. Babies are _____ either at home or in the maternity _____ of a hospital.
✓ **B) born**
We say a baby **is born** (passive of **bear**): **She was born in 2010. Expected** means the baby has not arrived yet, so it does not fit with "at home or in hospital".

4. Babies are _____ either at home or in the maternity _____ of a hospital.
✓ **A) ward**
A **ward** is a large room in a hospital for a particular type of patient. The **maternity ward** is where women give birth and stay with their new babies.

5. It is the job of a doctor or a _____ to _____ new babies.
✓ **C) midwife**
A **midwife** is a trained person, usually a woman, whose job is to help women give birth. Not **surgeon**, because a surgeon is a doctor who does operations.

6. It is the job of a doctor or a _____ to _____ new babies.
✓ **A) deliver**
Doctors and midwives **deliver** babies: they help the baby to be born. Not **bear**, because only the mother **bears** a child.

7. The proud _____ must soon decide what to _____ the child.
✓ **D) parents**
The mother and father are the **parents**, and **proud parents** is a common phrase for a happy new mother and father. Not **midwife**, because the midwife helps at the birth but does not choose the baby's name. **Pregnants** is not an English word.

8. The proud _____ must soon decide what to _____ the child.
✓ **B) call**
Call someone + name means give them a name: **They called the baby Emma.** Not **tell** or **say**, which are about speaking, not naming.

9. For the first six months of their lives, most babies are taken out in _____ and sleep in _____.
✓ **B) prams**
A **pram** is a small carriage on wheels that you push. A baby lies down in it when you take it out for a walk. Not **trolleys**, because they are for shopping or luggage, and not **cots**, because a cot is a baby's bed at home.

10. For the first six months of their lives, most babies are taken out in _____ and sleep in _____.
✓ **C) cots**
A **cot** is a small bed with high sides for a baby (British English; American English says **crib**). **Prams** are already used for going out, so the place where babies sleep is a **cot**.

11. At eight months or so, they learn to _____ along the floor, and they can usually walk soon after their first birthday.
✓ **D) crawl**
To **crawl** is to move on your hands and knees, as babies do before they can walk: **The baby crawled across the room.** Not **climb**, because that means going up something.

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