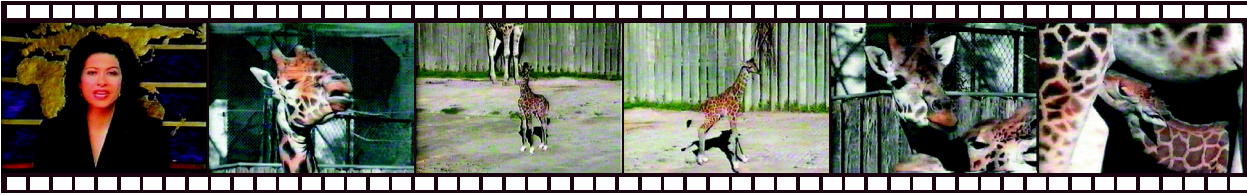


## Baby Giraffe

**Approach:** Independent

**Level:** Year 4 and year 8

**Resources:** Video of a television news report on the birth of a baby giraffe.



The newest addition to Wellington Zoo has just made his first wobbly public appearance.

Giraffes are normally born at night, but this long legged fellow arrived prematurely in the afternoon. At a shade over 2 metres, he's tall for his age. Newborn giraffes usually step in at about 1.8m. The first son of parents Riki and Tiza, he doesn't yet have a name but the zoo says its likely to have an African flavour. He will be moved to Hamilton Zoo before he's a year old.

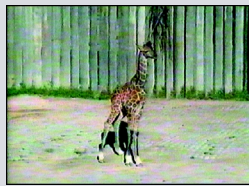
### Questions/instructions

Imagine the picture of baby giraffe is going to be in the newspaper.

After watching the video, write a short news story to go with the photograph.

Use the information in the video for your story.

You will see the video two times.



### Start the video now

% responses  
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|--|-----------|----|----|
| <b>Ability to catch attention, interest:</b> | very good | 3  | 6  |
|  | good      | 13 | 21 |
|  | moderate  | 35 | 48 |
|  | poor      | 49 | 25 |

### Appropriate style/format features:

*follows newspaper conventions*

|                    |    |    |
|--------------------|----|----|
| highly appropriate | 1  | 6  |
| quite appropriate  | 14 | 38 |
| some appropriate   | 52 | 40 |
| not appropriate    | 33 | 16 |

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| <b>Factual content:</b> | all correct & relevant                | 9  | 21 |
|                         | mostly correct & relevant             | 23 | 40 |
|                         | some partially correct                | 41 | 30 |
|                         | very little or no correct information | 27 | 9  |

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|-------------------|---------------------|----|----|
| <b>Coherence:</b> | good                | 27 | 39 |
|                   | partial             | 52 | 49 |
|                   | not at all coherent | 21 | 12 |



### TOTAL SCORE:

|      |    |    |
|------|----|----|
| 9-11 | 3  | 11 |
| 6-8  | 22 | 39 |
| 3-5  | 42 | 37 |
| 0-2  | 33 | 13 |

### Commentary

Many students did not adopt a style or format appropriate to a newspaper article, or come up with an 'attention — capturing' opening. About 25 percent more year 8 than year 4 students performed at a quite high to high level.

### HIGH RANGE

A baby giraffe arrived in the Wellington zoo yesterday afternoon. He has not yet got a name but it's likely to be a african one. He is very tall for a new born giraffe, usually they are 1.8 meters but he, as the son of Riki and Tera, is over 2 meters tall. He will be moved to the hamilton zoo soon. If you want to see him, catch the wave of crowd and come today. Report by *Name* (YEAR 8)

An unusual arrival, this afternoon, as a baby giraffe was born at Wellington zoo. The baby giraffe, presently without a name is the first son of "Rikki", and "Teaser". The resident giraffes at Wellington zoo. This baby giraffe is unusual because he was born in the afternoon, where as most giraffes are born at night. Also he is tall for his age, standing at two metres, where as new born giraffes usually are about one metre eighty centimetres. (YEAR 8)

### MID RANGE

New born giraffe at Auckland zoo it is till for his age 2 metres till. most are 1.8 metres it has no name yet but his Perants are Rickie and Iza moveing to Hanlati. (YEAR 8)

the Bobaby giraffe was Burn in the afternone and All giraffes are Burn at night and are only 1.5 mites tall But it was 2.5 mites tall and they are sending it of to hamilton zoo and pople are crowding to see it (YEAR 4)