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# Baby Shower

Planning Guide



## CHECKLIST: PLANNING THE PERFECT BABY SHOWER

### Seven Weeks in Advance

- Consult with the guest of honour.
- Set a date and time.
- Prepare a guest list, complete with full names and addresses.
- Choose a location.
- Decide whose home the party will be held in, or reserve a restaurant or party room.
- If catering is an option, choose a caterer or other food provider, unless you plan to cook.
- Create or buy the invitations.
- Decide if you want a particular theme or motif (see our [Pinterest](#) account for ideas!). Keep the guest of honour's tastes foremost in your mind!

### Six Weeks in Advance

- Prepare invitations. (See [www.evite.com](http://www.evite.com) for some options)
- Ask the guest of honor if she has registered for gifts -- if so, then you might include a note along with the invitation listing where she is registered.

### Five Weeks in Advance

- Mail and/or email the invitations.
- Plan the menu. Consider making it a group effort with each guest assigned a different dish.

**TIP:** Try to rule out food items that require last-minute attention -- if you're having a brunch, for example, consider quiche rather than omelettes.

- Check with the mom-to-be to see if anyone has any food allergies.
- Check tableware, tables, and chairs to make sure you have enough. Investigate rental options if you need extras.
- Decide what kind of decorations and/or flowers you'll have.
- Make a list of any props, prizes, or party favours you may need. (See our accompanying list of games for some items you may need to purchase!)
- Begin thinking about the gift you want to give to the mom-to-be.

### **Three Weeks in Advance**

- Buy or make non-floral decorations.
- Write out place cards, if desired.
- Prepare a shopping list for the food and beverages you'll need.
- Purchase your gift for the guest of honour.
- Purchase whatever props, prizes, or party favours you'll need.
- Wrap all favours and gifts.
- Designate a person to pick up the guest of honour and bring her to the shower.

### **Two Weeks in Advance**

- If you're using a restaurant or party space, confirm the reservation.
- If the party is at your home, decide which serving dishes, utensils, table linens, and napkins you'll use.
- Clean or iron table linens if necessary.
- Reserve rental supplies if needed.
- Order flowers
- Order a corsage for the mother-to-be (a charming, old-fashioned touch) or make her a custom sash.
- Order table centerpieces.

- Re-confirm your plans with the caterer, if you are using one.

## **One Week in Advance**

- Phone anyone who has not RSVP.
- Shop for pantry items and ingredients for freeze-ahead dishes.
- Prepare freeze-ahead dishes.
- Re-confirm with guests who've been asked to bring food or special items.
- Empty a part of your coat closet for guests to hang their coats.

## **2 Days in Advance**

- Shop for perishables, ice, and other remaining supplies.
- Prepare food that can be made in advance.
- Put decorations into place.
- Set the table(s).
- Check with the guest of honour to see how she's feeling.
- Have a comfortable chair, with a pillow, for her to use at the shower, especially if she's in her third trimester.

## **1 Day in Advance**

- Finish preparing food.
- Pick up prepared foods, if you're not cooking, or touch base with caterer.
- Pick up flowers, or make sure they get delivered.
- Buy balloons, if you're using them (if you buy them earlier, they may deflate before party time).
- Vacuum, clean guest bathroom.
- Set up extra chairs for guests.

- Set up a small table or basket -- or, if you have one, a bassinet or baby carriage -- for holding baby gifts.

## **The Morning of the Shower**

- Give a wake-up call to the guest of honour.
- Have all hosts congregate at the party site an hour or two ahead of time.
- Chill some refreshments to be ready at party time.
- Set out food, except items that need to stay warm or cold.

## **Party Time!**

- Introduce the guests to each other.
- Mingle.
- Eat.
- Take pictures.
- Play games.
- Open gifts.
- Designate someone to record who gave which gift. The guest of honour will need this for sending thank you cards after the event!
- Designate someone to collect all wrapping paper for trash.
- Designate someone to repackage all the gifts for the guest of honour to take home.
- Make sure the guest of honour is well-fed, comfortable, and happy -- which she probably will be, thanks to great friends like you!

**Good Luck!**

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## FAMOUS TV MOMS & DADS

Match these famous TV sitcom parents with the TV show

Moms & Dads	TV Show
1. Frank & Estelle Costanza	A Growing Pains
2. Peter & Lois Griffin	B Home Improvement
3. Al & Peggy Bundy	C Little House on the Prairie
4. Jack & Norma Arnold	D That 70's Show
5. Jim & Margaret Anderson	E The Wonder Years
6. Jason & Maggie Seaver	F Roseanne
7. James & Florida Evans	H The Jetsons
8. Philip & Vivian Banks	I Good Times
9. Tim & Jill Taylor	J The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
10. Red & Kitty Foreman	H Married with Children
11. George & Jane Jetson	K Father Know Best
12. Dan & Roseanne Conner	L Family Guy
13. Charles & Caroline Ingalls	M Seinfeld



## FAMOUS TV MOMS & DADS

### Answer Key

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## BABY SHOWER WORD SCRAMBLE

You have 10 minutes to unscramble the following 20 baby related words. The guest that unscrambles the most correct words will win a prize.

- 1 tebolt
- 2 gefined
- 3 oralfum
- 4 teatley
- 5 abby kwaler
- 6 osneesi
- 7 abby gugby
- 8 toboei
- 9 telart
- 10 sntabsei
- 11 dcelra
- 12 iylmfa
- 13 freipcai
- 14 lrtolsre
- 15 pdarei
- 16 brci
- 17 giwsn
- 18 lemboi
- 19 korcer
- 20 rodeomothh





## BABY SHOWER WORD SCRAMBLE

### Answer Key

- |    |            |             |
|----|------------|-------------|
| 1  | tebolt     | Bottle      |
| 2  | gefined    | Feeding     |
| 3  | oralfum    | Formula     |
| 4  | teatley    | Layette     |
| 5  | abbykwaler | Baby Walker |
| 6  | osneesi    | Onesies     |
| 7  | abbygugby  | Baby Buggy  |
| 8  | toboei     | Bootie      |
| 9  | telart     | Rattle      |
| 10 | sntabsei   | Bassinet    |
| 11 | dcelra     | Cradle      |
| 12 | iyilmfa    | Family      |
| 13 | freipcai   | Pacifier    |
| 14 | lrtolsre   | Stroller    |
| 15 | pdarei     | Diaper      |
| 16 | brci       | Crib        |
| 17 | giwsn      | Swing       |
| 18 | lemboi     | Mobile      |
| 19 | korcer     | Rocker      |
| 20 | rodeomothh | Motherhood  |

Good Luck!

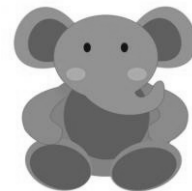
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## BABY ANIMAL GAME

You have 10 minutes to write the name of the baby offspring for each of the 20 adult animals. The guest who writes the most correct names will win a prize.

1. Wolf \_\_\_\_\_
2. Cat \_\_\_\_\_
3. Dog \_\_\_\_\_
4. Tiger \_\_\_\_\_
5. Swan \_\_\_\_\_
6. Sheep \_\_\_\_\_
7. Lion \_\_\_\_\_
8. Kangaroo \_\_\_\_\_
9. Penguin \_\_\_\_\_
10. Elephant \_\_\_\_\_
11. Fox \_\_\_\_\_
12. Donkey \_\_\_\_\_
13. Deer \_\_\_\_\_
14. Cow \_\_\_\_\_
15. Goat \_\_\_\_\_
16. Monkey \_\_\_\_\_
17. Horse \_\_\_\_\_
18. Whale \_\_\_\_\_
19. Bear \_\_\_\_\_
20. Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

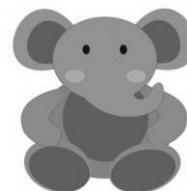




## BABY ANIMAL GAME

### Answer Key

- |              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 1. Wolf      | Pup or Cub          |
| 2. Cat       | Kitty               |
| 3. Dog       | Puppy               |
| 4. Tiger     | Cub                 |
| 5. Swan      | Cygnet              |
| 6. Sheep     | Lamb                |
| 7. Lion      | Cub                 |
| 8. Kangaroo  | Joey                |
| 9. Penguin   | Fledgling           |
| 10. Elephant | Calf                |
| 11. Fox      | Kit                 |
| 12. Donkey   | Foal                |
| 13. Deer     | Fawn                |
| 14. Cow      | Calf                |
| 15. Goat     | Kid                 |
| 16. Monkey   | Infant              |
| 17. Horse    | Filly, Colt or Foal |
| 18. Whale    | Calf                |
| 19. Bear     | Cub                 |
| 20. Chicken  | Chick               |



Good Luck!

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## NURSERY RHYME GAME

Below there are phrases from popular baby rhymes -you have 5 minutes to guess the title of the nursery rhymes. The guest that writes the most correct titles will win a prize.

1. *There's a ship sails away at the close of each day,*
2. *Sing a song of sixpence, A pocket full of rye*
3. *Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling,*
4. *Pussy's in the well.*
5. *Barton, is friends with Alice*
6. *Bake me a cake as fast as you can*
7. *Lay you down now, and rest*
8. *And on his farm he had a cow*
9. *When the wind blows, the cradle will rock*
10. *Daddy bought me a motor car*



## NURSERY RHYME GAME

### Answer Key

- |   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. <i>There's a ship sails away at the close of each day,</i> | <i>All Aboard For Blanket Bay</i>    |
| 2. <i>Sing a song of sixpence, A pocket full of rye</i>       | <i>Sing a Song of Sixpence</i>       |
| 3. <i>Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling,</i>     | <i>Danny Boy</i>                     |
| 4. <i>Pussy's in the well.</i>                                | <i>Ding, Dong, Bell</i>              |
| 5. <i>Barton, is friends with Alice</i>                       | <i>FRIENDS</i>                       |
| 6. <i>Bake me a cake as fast as you can</i>                   | <i>Pat-a-Cake, Pat-a-Cake</i>        |
| 7. <i>Lay you down now, and rest</i>                          | <i>Lullaby and Goodnight</i>         |
| 8. <i>And on his farm he had a cow</i>                        | <i>Old MacDonald Had a Farm</i>      |
| 9. <i>When the wind blows, the cradle will rock</i>           | <i>Rock-a-bye-Baby</i>               |
| 10. <i>Daddy bought me a motor car</i>                        | <i>Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star</i> |

**Good Luck!**

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## **CELEBRITY BABY NAME MATCH UP GAME**

Christina Aguilera

Pamela Anderson

Halle Berry

David Bowie

Sandra Bullock

Nicolas Cage

Kevin Costner

Cindy Crawford

Tom Cruise

Robert De Niro

Celine Dion

Michael Douglas

Harrison Ford

Michael J. Fox

Ricki Lake

Cameron

Benjamin

Sam

Dylan Jagger

Max Liron

Suri

Liam

Owen Tyler

Louis Bardo

Weston

Duncan Zowie

Nahla Ariela

Kaya Jordan

Rapahel

Eddy



## **CELEBRITY BABY NAME**

### **Answer Key**

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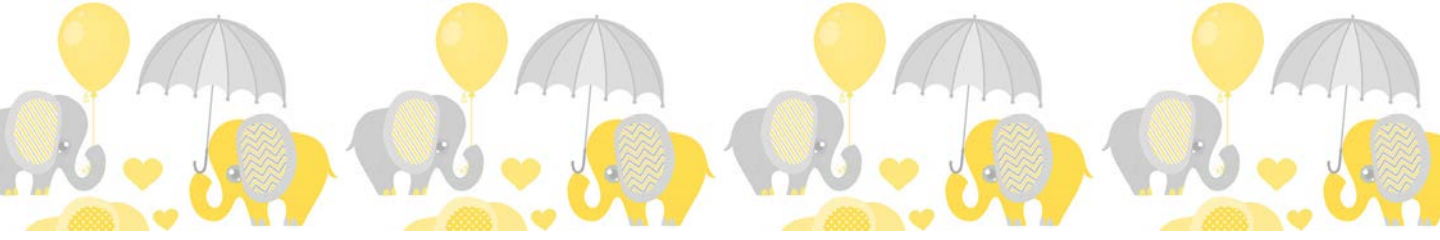
Benjamin

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Owen Tyler

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## WORD SEARCH

Find all the baby related words in the puzzle below



Q D K B Q O P Y U D Y D Z S M  
 O I M A K W F O H Z Q D A O D  
 S A U B R E I F I C A P B D Y  
 F P I Y O V T E Y O O I N Z S  
 C E V S A B M T L G L O R O J  
 C R H H W Z O S E E H H O Y O  
 T E C O A K B T K Y Y G B B N  
 S N I W T A R U T S A A W A I  
 K L Y E H P W O T L B L E B T  
 S V O R H R O R T I E W N A B  
 N M O N I T O R R S X P E B J  
 A J I Z E L Y C T K Z S R J M  
 G M L E L W Y F N B R U Q L U  
 L P H E M X Z A Y A Z N G R P  
 N B R M O M E M C W N V Z K U



MOM  
 CRIB  
 MOBILE  
 CARSEAT

MONITOR  
 PACIFIER  
 DAD  
 NEWBORN

DIAPER  
 LAYETTE  
 BABY  
 BABYSHOWER

BOTTLE  
 STORK  
 TWINS  
 STROLLER





## THE PRICE IS RIGHT

You have 5 minutes to guess what the prices of these items are. The guest that gets the accurate total amount wins a prize.

Product	Price
1. Disposable diapers	\$
2. Onesie	\$
3. Bottle	\$
4. Pacifier	\$
5. Teether	\$
6. Wipes	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

**Good Luck!**





**WHAT'S IN THE ?**



<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	
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<b>6</b>	
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<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	





## WISHES FOR BABY

*Dear Baby,*

1. I hope you learn \_\_\_\_\_
2. I hope you aren't afraid \_\_\_\_\_
3. I hope you love \_\_\_\_\_
4. I hope you get \_\_\_\_\_
5. I hope you Laugh \_\_\_\_\_
6. I hope you never forget \_\_\_\_\_
7. I hope you ignore \_\_\_\_\_
8. I hope you become \_\_\_\_\_
9. I hope you respect \_\_\_\_\_
10. I hope you grow \_\_\_\_\_

*Love,*