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Sikh Naming Ceremony

When a Sikh woman finds out that she is going to have a baby, she prays.

Once the baby is born, the words of a special prayer are whispered into the baby's ears. A drop of holy water is also put inside the baby's mouth.

The parents must bring their new baby to visit the gurdwara as soon as they can.

Inside the gurdwara, the Guru Granth Sahib is opened by the priest to any page and words are read out. The parents choose the baby's name by using the first letter of the first word of the hymn on whichever page was opened. The word 'Singh', meaning lion, will be added to the boy's name and 'Kaur', meaning princess, will be added to the girl's name.

Finally, a sweet dish is given to everyone inside the gurdwara to celebrate this special occasion.

Read the sentence then tick the right box.

	True	False
When a Sikh woman find out she is going to have a baby, she prays.		
As soon as the baby is born, a song is sung to him or her.		
A drop of holy water is put inside the baby's mouth.		
The parents don't have to go the gurdwara once the baby is born.		
The parents choose the baby's name by using the last letter of the last word on page 1 of the Guru Granth Sahib.		
'Singh' is added to the girl's name.		
'Kaur' means princess.		
After the ceremony, everyone eats to celebrate the baby and the new name.		