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## Every Helping Hand Matters

*An activity of "Baby Ayaan is born"*

Read "Baby Ayaan is born" (pages 14–15, *What's Up* July 2026). This article describes how Ayaan, a baby orangutan, survived a difficult birth thanks to the help of many people working together.

1a) These are some of the helpers when Ayaan was delivered. Jot down their roles in helping the baby orangutan.

| Helping hand                  | The person's role                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>e.g. Veterinarian</i>      | <i>e.g. Performed the operation.</i> |
| Animal keeper                 |                                      |
| Veterinary nurse              |                                      |
| Cleaner                       |                                      |
| Scientist                     |                                      |
| Researcher                    |                                      |
| Donor                         |                                      |
| Photographer/<br>videographer |                                      |
| Visitor                       |                                      |
| Zoo educator                  |                                      |
| Other:                        |                                      |

1b) Discuss with a partner:

- Which of these jobs do most people notice?
- Why are some jobs often invisible?
- What might have happened if any one of these people had not contributed?
- Which role would you most like to do? Why?

2a) Watch this video:

**The Hug That Stunned the World. Dr. Jane Goodall**

➤ <https://youtu.be/OubbcoLXsGo?si=gzdwZdmCixNZKWKf>

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2b) In the video, Jane Goodall says:

**“Every individual matters.  
Every individual has a role to play.  
Every individual makes a difference.”**

Of the three sentences above, pick one that stands out the most to you. Why did you choose that sentence?

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3a) In the *What's Up* article about Baby Ayaan, many people played their part quietly. Sometimes, the smallest acts can make the biggest difference. Think of a time when someone did something small for you which made a difference. It could be...

- a friend who lent you a calculator
- a family member who made your favourite meal
- a teacher who encouraged you when you felt anxious
- a school cleaner who found your lost wallet
- a bus driver who stopped to wait longer for you to catch up
- someone who gave you a friendly smile when you were having a bad day

If you had the chance, what would you like to say to that person? Write a short thank-you note to express your gratitude.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_



Thank You