

Worksheet 1: The Letter 'A'

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Answer the following questions.

1. Why did a whole army of relatives queue up outside the hospital at the birth of the author?

2. What was the first sign of warning that the author's mother got about his condition?

3. Almost every doctor who saw and examined me labelled me a very interesting but also a hopeless case. Why?
 - a. *Interesting* because they could not figure out what the problem was and a *hopeless case* as they could not treat something which they could not figure out.
 - b. *Interesting* because they found the behaviour of the child amusing and a *hopeless case* as they did not want to treat the child.
 - c. *Interesting* because the child was very advanced in certain ways and a *hopeless case* as they could not treat something which they could not figure out.
4. Mother decided there and then to take matters into her own hands. It means:
 - a. to do more work around the house by herself
 - b. to deal with the problem herself because the people who should have dealt with it had failed to do so
 - c. to arrange for more things in the house
5. 'But it wasn't easy for her because now the relatives and friends had decided otherwise.' What had the relatives and friends decided?

6. What was the immediate reaction of the author after he made a wild sort of scribble on the slate?

7. When the author finally managed to write the letter 'A', how did the mother and the father react?

