

A Safe Home for Baby

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What would be a safe home for a baby?
- What would not be a safe home for a baby?

Definitions:

- Thrive – to be healthy and successful
- Kool-Aid – a powdery drink that comes in different flavors
- Monitor – a person who watches or checks on something or someone



Reading

17 Jack is doing all of the things that babies his age are supposed to be doing. He
35 is curious and likes to explore his world. Most of what he gets a hold of goes into
his mouth.

37 Jack is ten months old. He crawls quickly and pulls himself up on furniture.
51 As soon as Jack starts walking, it will be even easier for him to get into things that
69 may not be safe.

73 Beth has worked hard at baby proofing her home. She wants her son to be safe
89 and thrive. She has placed all breakable items on high shelves and covered all the
104 electrical outlets. Jack could get a serious shock or start a fire by putting objects in
120 the outlets.

122 All of Beth's cleaning supplies are in high cupboards. Why? Glass cleaner and
135 blue Kool-Aid look very similar. The family's medications and vitamins are in a
148 locked cabinet. Colorful pills could easily be mistaken for candy.

158 Beth feels good about the safety of her home, but knows she must still keep a
174 watchful eye on Jack. As his parent, she is his best safety monitor. Beth has often
190 thought how nice it would be to have eyes on both the front and back of her head!

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Understanding

1. What is baby proofing? _____

2. Describe Jack. _____

3. What does Beth cover? Why? _____

4. What types of things does Beth put in high places? _____

5. Where does Beth store aspirin? Why? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: What have you done to keep kids safe in your home?
