

Tobacco use and low birthweight babies

Chapter 4: Student activity 4-A

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Resource: March of Dimes, http://www.marchofdimes.com/medicalresources_lowbirthweight.html

Complete the following statements. (The number in parentheses is the number of words in the answer.)

1. Low birthweight affects one in every _____ (1) babies born each year in the United States.
2. Low birthweight is a weight of less than _____ (4) at birth.
Very low birthweight is a weight of _____ (4) at birth.
3. The two categories of low birthweight infants are _____ (1) and
_____ (4).
4. Premature births occur before week _____ (1) of pregnancy.
5. Small-for-date babies may be _____ (2) but are _____ (1).
Their low birthweight results may result from _____ (4) in the womb.
6. Some babies are both _____ (1) and _____ (2).
7. Avoid _____ (1). Smokers have _____ (1) babies than nonsmokers.
8. Effects of low birthweight:
 - a. A low birthweight premature baby is at greater risk of developing _____ (1) problems.
 - b. Explain what RDS is: _____

9. Low birthweight babies may have salt or water imbalances or low blood sugar, which can cause

_____ (2).

10. A premature baby may be _____ (1), which means there are not enough

_____ (3).

11. A low birthweight baby may not have enough _____ (1) to maintain a normal body temperature. The end result can be _____ (2).

12. One of the most extreme effects of very low birthweight infants is _____ (4).

If brain damage or death does not result, those newborns who survive may later have _____ (4).

13. In premature babies, two other serious effects may be _____ (2) and abnormal growth of blood vessels in the eyes which can result in _____ (2) or _____ (1).