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# Teaching Tips

## Before Reading

- Briefly discuss animal life cycles. Babies are born, they grow, and they have their own babies.
- Look through the glossary together. Read and discuss the words.
- Go on a picture walk, looking through the pictures to discuss vocabulary and make predictions about the text.

## During Reading

- Encourage readers to point to each word as it is read. Stop occasionally to ask readers to point to a specific word in the text.
- If a reader encounters an unknown word, ask them to look at the rest of the page. Are there any clues to help them understand?

## After Reading

- Check for understanding.
  - ▶ What are some things baby giraffes do during the first few weeks? What about after that?
  - ▶ Find a place in the book that tells you what a baby giraffe looks like.
  - ▶ Look at page 22. What did you learn about baby giraffes from reading this book.
- Ask the readers to think deeper.
  - ▶ Other than size, what is one thing that is different about baby giraffes and adult giraffes?
  - ▶ What is one thing that is similar about baby and adult giraffes?

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# It's a Baby Giraffe!

*Plop!*

Something drops from a mother giraffe.

It is her baby.

A **calf** falls more than 5 feet (1.5 m) when it is born!



The fall does not hurt the baby giraffe.



The mother begins to lick the calf right away.

Soon, the calf stands up.

