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CHILD'S NAME'S Lifebook

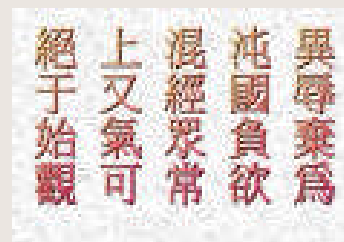
BIRTH STORY

You were born at _____ on _____



I know this because your birthmum or birthdad left a note with you so we could always have your birthday party on the right day.

Here is a copy of the note :



And here is the certificate from China that told us your birthday and what you weighed and lots of interesting details:



Do you know how long that is ?

Do you know how heavy that is ?

What else happened on the day you were born ?



What were Mummy and Daddy doing in Ireland

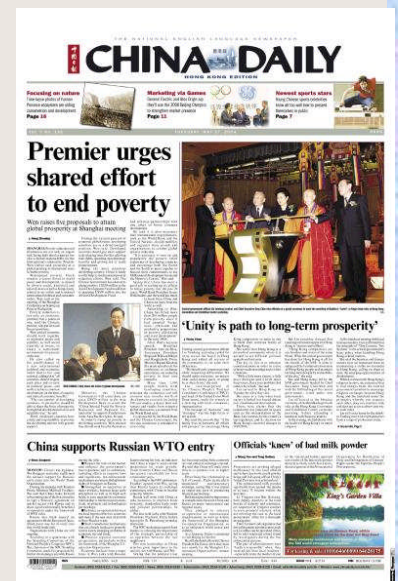


What season was it ? What would the day have been like ?

What was No.1 on the day you were born?

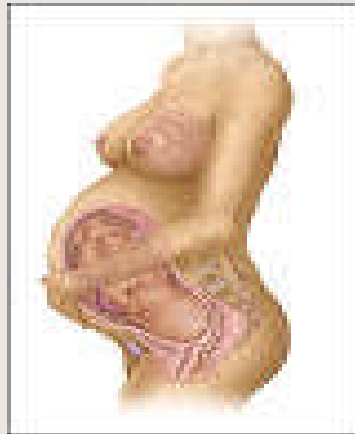
What happened in the world ?

What was going on in BIRTH-COUNTRY ?



Birth – what does that mean ?

Why are you not by Birth
Mummy and Birth Daddy



AGE APPROPRIATE

Terms you are comfortable with

Vital to include



Explain “Birds and Bees”

Include Birth Daddy’s role



Your Birthmother and Birthfather



What do they look like ?

NO IMAGES REPRESENTING THE BIRTH PARENTS !!

Why don't you Draw a picture



You are good at singing and mummy and daddy are n ot maybe your BirthMum or your BirthDad are !





Why did they leave me to be found ?

China has so many people living there that they cannot feed everyone or find work or homes for everyone so they have a law that families can only have 1 child so if they have more Children. Some birthmummy's and birthdaddies decide to leave them to be found and cared for by others.

They do this so they will not be in trouble.



•Birthparents “abandoned their daughter[s] not because they were poor or because the child would have a better life. The Chinese were afraid of their future[s] without the support of a son.

Finding Story

You were found by _____ on the _____

The street where you were found is called _____



We know this because he/she brought you to the orphanage and they made a note of it in there files.

You weighed _____ and were _____ long

When you were found you were wearing

The orphanage put an ad in the newspaper so your birthmum and birthdad would have a chance to come and collect you if they changed their minds.

Finding Ad

Here is your own finding ad that was in the _____ newspaper on the _____ 2002



This is what the ad says about you :



[Translated finding ad]

Do you know what we were doing when this happened ? This is what we wrote in our diary _____



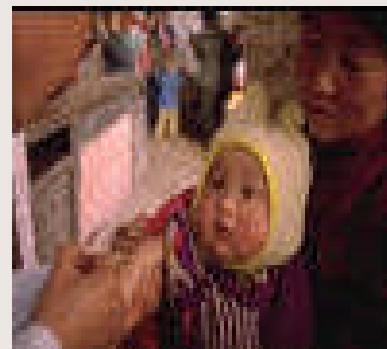
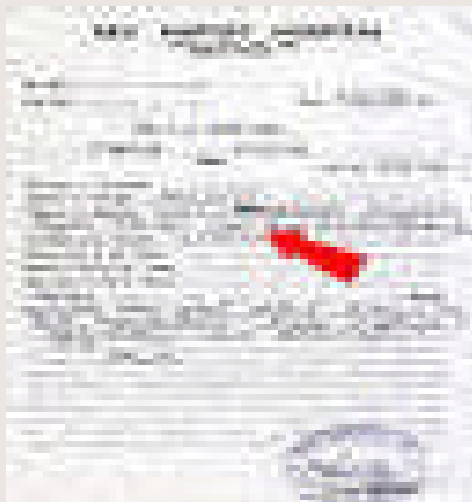


ORPHANAGE STORY

You lived in the orphanage for a few days. I know now that because we were told that you were in foster care and others who have experience of this orphanage say that the babies only stay to be check medically and then are sent to foster care. We don't know exactly how long but think it was only a few days.



Here is the report from the orphanage about your health :



You would have come back to the orphanage for check ups and you would have had all your injections as well to help keep you well

More Orphanage Information



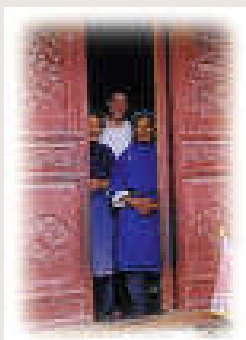
The Director
gave you a
name

亲爱的吕小兰：
(地址：中街民政局宿舍)

We found out
what it means

“Beautiful pearl”

Time does bring changes so be
prepared to update this with
information from Asia Threads,
User Groups, Research Projects or
Heritage trips



Doors are opening.....

FOSTER FAMILY

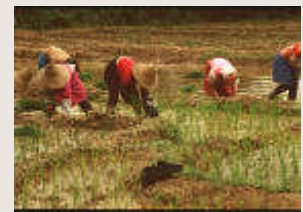


Your foster mother's name was _____

And she lived at _____

There were others in the family as well :

And they sent us some photographs with the camera we posted to China



What is Vietnam like ?

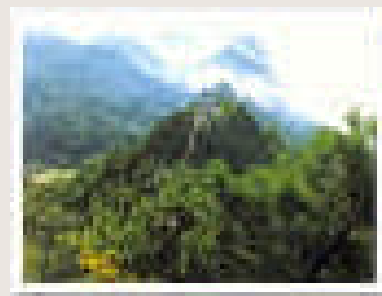


Vietnam is acountry with lots and lots of people

You came from _____ which is in the province of _____

Your province _____ is a very beautiful part of Vietnam

While we were there we took these pictures

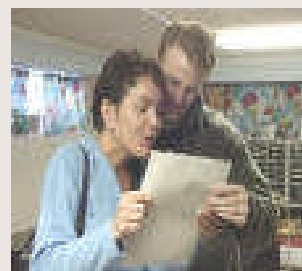


Referral Day

On date..... Daddy got a phone call from _____

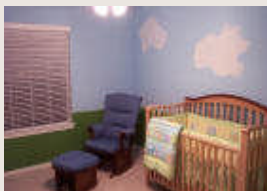
The Chinese people decided you were our daughter. They look at the story about mummy and daddy that we sent to China and they look at your story and SNAP it is a pair !!

Here is a picture of the room in China where they decide that :



So then we got your picture and all your details. It was really exiting but a very long day because the Chinese sent the picture to Dublin and we had to wait until it come down on the train.

Mummy came home from work and Daddy opened the envelope together standing in your room. Here is a picture of us :



And looking at your picture that is where we decided what your name ~~could~~ be :



See your picture ? now don't you look like a _____

Referral

So here is your referral and all the papers that came with it to tell us how wonderful you were, what you eat and drink and how much the sleepy head sleeps.



Straight away we faxed a letter to China to a man called to tell him to get you ready because we were coming soon.

At that moment Mummy and Daddy felt like.....

.....

.....we rang Granny and hesaid.....

ADOPTION DAY



This is the lady that brought you on the bus from..... and this is you smiling because you see Mummy and Daddy.

This is on the DATE..... AtTIME

In theHotel in



While in China after we met you

Memories / Stories / Pictures

First Night



Food

First Bath



SMELLS
AND
SIGHTS
AND
SOUNDS



Other Friends

Official stuff !!



FOREVER FAMILY



On our way home



with the first view of home airport ... !!

.....

First.....!

.....

HOME DAY - House / Family / Pets



Perhaps include some key early celebrations

CHRISTENING



FIRST BIRTHDAY



OFFICIAL

We sent all your papers to the government in Dublin who keep a list of everyone who lives in the country and they sent us this certificate to show you are now on the list of Irish people:



You have your Chinese passport and now you have an Irish passport



SoChinese Name, which means
..... has becomeIrish Name...
which means..... And is now Irish with all the
fine C.....

Cead Mile Failte

First family portrait ?

OR

**Some image to represent “
a family at last”**



Closes life book and allows normal family scrap books, photo albums to take over....

The job of the lifebook is complete at this point.....

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