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Mum who dumped a tot is jailed

A CAREER mum dumped her baby on a stranger's doorstep to stop his dad bringing him up.

The householder heard the 12-week-old boy crying in his pushchair on a cold winter's night.

And yesterday the mum began six months in jail for her heartless act.

The judge at Newport crown court told her: "You are a selfish woman who acted out of spite.

"You did nothing to alert the occupants. They might not have found him."

The court heard that the woman, 30, from Preston, dumped her son 200 miles away at Newport, South Wales.

She had found that she was pregnant after splitting with the dad. The first he knew of the baby was when he was told by an adoption agency.

It is his second child with the mum of three.

The woman, who admitted cruelty, was said to have had depression.

QUESTIONS

1. Answer the following questions using your own words. (2 points)

a. Was the woman sent to jail? Why?

b. When did the father find out about the baby?

2. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? (1 point)

a. The woman in the story has two children.

b. The woman lives 200 miles away from Preston.

3. Find a word or phrase in the text which, in context, is similar in meaning to: (1 point)

Abandoned:

Egotist:

