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**SOPHIE AND EDWARD EXPECTING ROYAL BABY**

*Sophie Wessex is pregnant and expecting a Royal baby in December, Buckingham Palace revealed today.*

*Prince Edward and his wife are said to be "absolutely thrilled and excited with the news" of a "much wanted" baby.*

*A palace statement said: "Their Royal Highnesses the Earl and Countess of Wessex are very pleased to announce that the Countess of Wessex is expecting a baby in December.*

*"The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh and members of both families are delighted with the news."*

*A spokeswoman for the Countess of Wessex said Sophie was feeling a "little tired" but was "absolutely fine".*

*She added that Sophie, at home today in Bagshot Park, Surrey, would withdraw from official engagements on doctor's advice.*

*The news comes after tragedy struck the Royal couple in December 2001 when Sophie, 38, lost a baby after suffering an ectopic pregnancy.*

*The Queen, Prince Philip and Sophie's parents were told about the pregnancy over the weekend.*

**QUESTIONS**

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

a. Is it the first time that Sophie gets pregnant?


b. Will Sophie keep her official engagements?


**1. Are the following statements True or False? (1 point)**

- a. The Queen will have another grandchild in December.
- b. The Queen was told about the pregnancy two weekends ago.

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

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VERY HAPPY:

**3. Choose a, b or c in each question below. Only one choice is correct. (2 points)**

4. The birth of the baby is going to happen

- a. over the weekend.
- b. in December.
- c. next month.

5. The Queen and Prince Philip

- a. are very excited about the news.
- b. are very surprised about the news.

