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Woman gives birth to nine children – 10th May, 2021

Level 4

Most of us know what twins, triplets and quadruplets are, but do we know the word for nine babies born at a single birth? The answer is nonuplets. A 25-year-old Malian woman, Halima Cisse, has given birth to nine babies. This is a new world record. People in Mali followed the pregnancy with great interest. They were surprised when doctors announced the nonuplets. After having scans, Ms Cisse thought she would have seven babies (septuplets).

Ms Cisse is in good health. Her five baby boys and four girls are doing well. Mali's health minister congratulated her on the "happy outcome". He thanked Mali's president for his "leadership and generosity" which helped Halima. It was a little touch-and-go in the early stages of the pregnancy. Doctors worried about Ms Cisse's welfare and the chances of her babies' survival. They asked a hospital in Morocco for help. She got good postnatal care there.

Level 5

Most of us are familiar with the terms twins, triplets and quadruplets, but do we know the word for nine babies born at a single birth? The answer is nonuplets. A 25-year-old Malian woman, Halima Cisse, has given birth to nine babies. This is a new world record. The previous record was by an American woman who had eight babies (octuplets). People in Mali avidly followed Ms Cisse's pregnancy and wished her well. They were pleasantly surprised when doctors announced the nonuplets. After having scans, Ms Cisse was told she would have seven babies (septuplets).

Ms Cisse is in good health and her babies (five boys and four girls) were doing well. Mali's health minister congratulated her on the "happy outcome". He praised medical teams in Morocco, where Ms Cisse gave birth. He also thanked Mali's president for his "leadership and generosity" which helped Halima. It was a little touch-and-go in the early stages of the pregnancy. Gynecologists were concerned about Ms Cisse's welfare and the chances of her babies' survival. They asked a hospital in Morocco for help. They believed Ms Cisse would receive better pre- and postnatal care.

Level 6

We all know what twins and triplets are. Most of us are familiar with the terms quadruplets and quintuplets. But what is the word to describe nine babies being born at the same time? The answer is... nonuplets. A 25-year-old Malian woman, Halima Cisse, has given birth to nine healthy babies. This is a new record. The previous record was by a woman in the US who delivered eight babies (octuplets) at a single birth. People in Mali were avidly following the progress of Ms Cisse's pregnancy and she was inundated with well wishes. Malians were not the only ones who were pleasantly surprised when doctors announced the nonuplets. Ms Cisse was told she was only carrying seven babies (septuplets) after having scans.

Ms Cisse's husband told the BBC that she is in good health and that the babies (five boys and four girls) were doing well. Fanta Siby, Mali's health minister, congratulated the couple on the "happy outcome". He also praised medical teams in Morocco, which is where Ms Cisse gave birth. He also thanked Mali's president for the "political leadership and generosity" which "expedited" support for Halima. The outcome is wonderful news as it was a little touch-and-go in the early stages of the pregnancy. Gynecologists in Mali were concerned about Ms Cisse's welfare and the chances of her babies' survival. They sought the help of the hospital in Morocco where they believed she would receive better pre- and postnatal care.