

Baby falling on the same person twice



In 1937, in Detroit, a street sweeper named Joseph Figlock was in an alley when a baby fell out of a fourth-story window directly on top of him. Both the baby and Figlock were injured but survived. A year later, a 2-year-old by the name of David Thomas fell from a fourth-story window and landed on Figlock.

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Vocabulary: Give the simple/base form of the word being asked.

(*EXAMPLE: sit is the base/simple form of sat, sits, and sitting*)

1. Which verb in the first paragraph means "come down through the air and alight on the ground"?
2. Which noun in the first paragraph means "a narrow road between buildings"?
3. Which word in paragraph 2 means "to tell a story or describe an event"?
4. Which word in paragraph 2 means "a striking occurrence of two or more events at one time by mere chance"?

Language Extra: Re-tell the ideas in the following sentences in your own words.

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Discussion questions:

1. What comes into your mind when you hear of news about babies falling from windows?
2. Do you think the government should take legal actions against parents of babies found to have fallen from buildings/windows? Discuss.
3. What difficulties are there in taking care of a baby?
4. What makes taking care of babies fun? Or is it fun at all? Explain.
5. Would you advise someone to hire a nanny or sitter for his/her baby? Why or why not?